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Funnel cakes, German sausages, pork shish kebab!

Food may be what initially pulled everyone to MWC's Multicultural Fair, but once there, students, staff and residents of the Fredericksburg community decided they had to stay for the dancing. The April 10 fair drew a crowd of about 3,500, who took part in the ninth annual daylong celebration of cultural diversity.

Performers such as the International Music Makers, from Eastern Europe; Beggars' Oak Clog, a traditional dance and music group from England; jazz musician Harry Wilson; and the Women of Selket, a Middle Eastern Folkloric Dance Troupe, set the campus toes a tappin'.

West African rhythms of the Charlottesville-based band Baaba Seth echoed from the main stage in the late afternoon. Baaba Seth, eight musicians with the new album "Crazy Wheel" has toured from the Carolinas to New York, playing with Ziggy Marley, the Dave Matthews Band and Squirrel Nut Zippers. Keith Colston of Native America's People, a group that promotes non-native understanding of the Native American culture through workshops and presentations, performed inter-tribal dances such as the "Crow Hop" and the "Snake Dance," while dressed in native attire.

Children enjoyed a puppet show, clowns and face painting, and lots more.

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After a 16-year-old boy in Pearl, Mississippi, shot and killed two fellow high-school students and wounded seven others in October 1997, a ninth-grade English teacher at the school wondered how she could help her nervous students get their minds off the tragedy. As part of a class project, she had them read Good Old Boy, *Willie Morris' humorous and entertaining tale of growing up in a small Southern town. The students enjoyed it so much their teacher wrote the author and asked if he could come to the school and talk about his memoir. He immediately called back and invited the entire class to his house in Jackson. "We'll have Coca-Colas and Moon Pies and talk about books," he said. Here students gather around Morris in his backyard as he signs a copy of his best-selling* My Dog Skip, *which will be released as a motion picture in August. The movie filming was one of many subjects Morris talked about while at MWC last November to inaugurate the President's Book Club series.*

"A Song in the Heart"

Author Willie Morris Visits MWC

BY JACK BALES

"Truman Capote told me once that all Southerners go home sooner or later … even if it's in a box. Well, I didn't want to wait that long."

So explained Willie Morris about his decision to leave New York City for his native Mississippi — just one of the many anecdotes the author, editor, journalist, novelist, news commentator (and most recently, movie consultant) related to attentive audiences in Lee Hall Ballroom on November 11. The best-selling author was on campus at the invitation of President William M. Anderson Jr. to address the President's Book Club on "Why I Am a Writer." He later talked with students, faculty, staff and townspeople; answered wide-ranging questions; and signed copies of his many works.

Morris has written 17 books and hundreds of articles, essays and editorials, including pieces for *Harper's, the New Yorker, Time, Playboy, Esquire, The New York Times,* and *The Washington Post.* He wrote his first book — an autobiography, no less — when he was just 32 years old. Titled *North Toward Home*, the volume won numerous awards and has never gone out of print since its publication in 1967. "It certainly struck a chord somewhere," Morris said, for he still receives fan letters about the book; in fact, it so enthralled college-age South Carolinian Pat Conroy (who later went on to write such works as *The Lords of Discipline* and *The Prince of Tides*), that he made a literary pilgrimage to its author's hometown, tiny Yazoo City, Mississippi. The two remain good friends.

The publication of *North Toward Home* coincided with Morris' appointment as the youngest editor in chief in the 117-year history of *Harper's*, the nation's oldest magazine. "The idea is to be relevant," he contended soon after his name appeared on the masthead, and he set out quickly and aggressively to transform the somewhat stodgy *Harper's* into one of the country's most exciting and influential periodicals. Along the way he attracted contributions from such well-known writers as William Styron, Robert Penn Warren, Arthur Miller, James Dickey, Norman Mailer, Truman Capote, Ralph Ellison, Philip Roth and Walker Percy. He left the magazine in 1971, and in 1980 he returned to Mississippi, where he has been living ever since.

While on campus, Willie Morris reminisced about his years in New York City, experiences that he chronicled a few years ago in *New York Days.* "There were eight million telephone numbers in the Manhattan directory," Morris wrote in this second memoir, "and every one of them would have returned my calls." As editor of one of the most prominent magazines in the country, he explained, it was

only natural that he became acquainted with hundreds of people in New York, including writers, poets, intellectuals, editors, actresses, tycoons, athletes, and, he added slyly, "not a few reprobates and charlatans."

One close friend was Truman Capote, and Morris told his appreciative audience several humorous stories about the author of *In Cold Blood* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. A near-perfect mimic, Morris imitated Capote's high-pitched voice as he described walking down the street in Bridgehampton, N.Y., one afternoon when "an enormous Buick with this small man, so small that his nose barely rose above the dashboard, stopped before me. 'Hop in, Willie,' Truman said, 'and let's ride around and *gossip*.' So I hopped in and we drove around for about an hour and gossiped."

Morris' visit to the Fredericksburg area was not his first. In 1976 he spent a few months in Washington, D.C., as a visiting columnist for the old *Washington Star* newspaper. Winston Groom's desk was right next to his, and he eventually persuaded Groom to leave newspapering to become a full-time novelist. "Of course," Morris told his audience, "Winston went on to write *Forrest Gump*, so I'm going to seek my 20 percent finder's fee soon, as I've always wanted to buy Memphis."

Morris' familiarity with the Southeast extends past the environs of the nation's capital, and while on campus he recalled his previous trip to Fredericksburg. In February 1976 he and his best friend, writer James Jones *(From Here to Eternity, The Thin Red Line)*, took their sons on a tour of Civil War battlefields, including the sites at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, and the Wilderness — "that haunted ground where the toll of death had been so monumental," the Mississippian once solemnly wrote of them. Twenty-two years later Morris (whose great-great uncle was a United States Senator, who later defeated Jefferson Davis for the office of Governor of Mississippi in 1851) again surveyed the battlefield at Sunken Road. With his wife, JoAnne Prichard, formerly an executive editor at the University Press of Mississippi in Jackson and now a free-lance editor, he toured Chatham Manor across the Rappahannock River, strolled around downtown Fredericksburg, and admired the beauty of both the MWC campus and the erstwhile Civil War headquarters, Brompton.

Morris said he enjoys coming to universities and colleges because many students feel "morally compelled to try to make a difference," and he advised aspiring writers "to tell the truth and capture the tension and reality of present-day America." As at other campuses, students here bombarded him with questions. When asked about the '60s, he said that his feelings are different from many of his generation who still equate this period with demonstrations and protests. Although he admits that there was "self-righteousness and self-absorption and contempt for honest disagreement," the decade also witnessed increasing concern for human rights, civil rights, the women's movement, and the earth's fragile physical environment. Such issues, he strongly implied, should be a continuing concern for today's students.

Many of Morris' stories and anecdotes focused on the upcoming movie adaptation of his boyhood memoir, *My Dog Skip* (1995). A widely reviewed bestseller and Book-of-the-Month Club selection, this bittersweet tribute to the canine companion of his youth also immortalizes a bygone era of Saturday morning matinees and Fourth of July political rallies. Morris does not appear in the movie, but he was present for most of the filming, and this past summer went to Los Angeles for two weeks to supply voice-overs and narration.

Jack Bales (right) welcomes his friend, author Willie Morris, to MWC after introducing him to an enthusiastic audience in Lee Hall Ballroom.

Though no stranger to Hollywood — he was a consultant on the 1996 "Ghosts of Mississippi" and later wrote a book, *The Ghosts of Medgar Evers*, about that experience — Morris nonetheless found the filming of "My Dog Skip" to be especially poignant. "It was déjà vu of the most stunning kind," he said, to see actors and actresses playing him, his parents and his childhood friends. Film veterans Kevin Bacon ("Apollo 13," "A Few Good Men," "Footloose") and Diane Lane ("Lonesome Dove," "Judge Dredd," "The Outsiders") star as his father and mother, and the two occasionally queried him about his youth, his parents, and growing up in the South. Morris recalled that when the attractive Ms. Lane asked if there was something she could do to help her more clearly understand her role as his mother, he mischievously replied, "Well, I *kissed* my mamma a lot."

Morris also commented that he found it fascinating to see makeup applied on dogs, just as on people, and noted that eight Jack Russell terriers were used in the title role (one of which was the well-known Eddie on the NBC sitcom "Frasier"). The author added with mock gravity that the movie producers had difficulties selecting suitable terriers as they had to find ones "who could bark with a Southern accent like Skip."

Morris' whimsical sense of humor enabled him to establish immediate rapport with his diverse audience. "Did anyone else get a chance to see Willie Morris?" asked junior Christen Masaniello, writing to an e-mail class discussion group. "He's done so much with his life that he did not even remember the name of one of the books he wrote. Wasn't he awesome!?"

Junior James Mirabello enthusiastically chimed in, echoing his classmate's sentiments. He admitted that he was not sure what to expect from Morris' public lecture, but, "within, oh, 30 seconds he showed how endearing and funny a fellow he could be."

According to Mary Randolph Corbin — who, as MWC's executive assistant to the president, was responsible for planning and coordinating the event — Morris proved to be the perfect person to inaugurate the President's Book Club series. "Our goal," she said, "is to bring to the College eminent writers who can share their expertise with students and faculty on an academic level and also appeal to a more 'popular' audience among friends of the College in the local community. Mr. Morris achieved both goals beautifully. Everyone was charmed by him."

For his part, Willie Morris seemed genuinely gratified by his experience at the College, warmly commenting in particular on the quality of the students he met and on the beauty of the campus arrayed in its fall colors. "Our visit to Fredericksburg remains a song in the heart," he said a few weeks after returning to Jackson. For members of the College community, his song was one they were indeed pleased to hear.

MWC Reference Librarian Jack Bales is the author of books and articles on American authors Horatio Alger Jr., Kenneth Roberts and Esther Forbes. He is currently researching the life and works of Willie Morris.

Experimental Journeys

BY STEVE R. HAMPTON

Each year, between 25 and 40 MWC psychology majors embark on a year-long odyssey, during which they design and conduct their own experiments on a topic of their choosing. For more than 10 years, the psychology department has been committed to involving our students in research and, in the process, has developed one of the largest and most active undergraduate research programs in the country. The projects have covered a vast array of topic areas. Recent projects have investigated the effects of REM sleep deprivation on memory, the reasons eyewitnesses have difficulty recognizing "other race" faces, sexism in all male groups, the effects of humor on stress, and the effects of women's expectations on the childbirth experience. In the last 10 years, nearly 300 students have completed a research project.

Our program uses the research team approach in which two to five students work with a faculty member for an entire year. The fall semester is spent reading the research literature in a specific area. Teams meet once or twice per week to discuss research and generate testable hypotheses for the project. Next, the design of a specific experiment is completed, and preparations are made to conduct the research.

Left: The title of Professor David Kolar's project is "Gender Differences in Perception of Sexual Intent." Students (left to right) Jennifer Reyes, Benjamin Zupnik and Katy Elmore are involved with the work. The question of the project is if men perceive more sexual intent in a social interaction between a man and a woman than do women. The participants will see an interaction that varies in the stated relationship between the couple and the amount of touching that takes place between the couple. It is expected that men will perceive more sexual intent in an interaction and that touching will increase the perception of sexual intent.

Dr. Christine McBride's project is titled "Is Laughter the Best Medicine? The Role of Humor in Pain Tolerance." Students Julie Spessard (left) and Julie Wessinger (right) are testing the assumption that watching humorous videos will increase a person's tolerance to pain. They are also monitoring blood pressure while the participant has her hand in cold water (pain) and is watching a video. They suspect that a person's blood pressure will be a better predictor of pain tolerance than the type of video they are watching, thus questioning the relationship between humor and pain tolerance.

In late fall or early winter, the experiment is conducted and the project is submitted for review to the Virginia Psychological Association. The students spend the remainder of the spring semester analyzing data and preparing a formal convention presentation. Life gets hectic in the weeks before the April convention, as students create slides, overhead transparencies and PowerPoint presentations. Finally, all students and faculty head out in College vans for two days at the convention. Social activities and last-minute practice sessions take place the night before the presentations. Following the nine-hour day of presentations, we head back to MWC, exhausted but full of a sense of accomplishment.

With over 300 majors, we are the second largest program on campus. We have 12 full-time faculty members who have made a commitment to involving students in scientific research, a commitment that requires a great deal of time and effort to fulfill. Our research program allows us to teach critical thinking, problem solving, data analysis, writing and public speaking within one integrated experience.

Amanda O'Brien '97, a Ph.D. candidate at Virginia Commonwealth University, notes, "You learn all about the scientific method and research in classes, but until you actually brainstorm for ideas, design a project, run the project and do the statistics, you really don't 'get' what research is all about."

Wendy Sulc '98, in her first year in the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, points out, "Not many of my classmates have given oral presentations at professional conferences, and they seem impressed that I have. Whether grad school bound or not, everyone benefits from being able to speak in public, and many careers are going to demand convincing presentations and good visual aids."

Jennifer Brown '96, with the American Institutes of Research in Washington, D.C., found that, "Having participated in the independent research program at MWC, I was able to play more of a leading role in my first year of research at Wake Forest, which seemed to impress my adviser. Also, because of my research at MWC, I went to graduate school already knowing how to write a research paper."

Dr. Steve Hampton's project is "Feature Learning During the Study of Familiar and Unfamiliar Faces." Many researchers have suggested that faces are learned as a "whole" and not as a collection of parts or features. This "holistic" process is less evident with other objects, like houses or faces that are upside-down. Student Elizabeth Montgomery hopes to determine if a deficit in "holistic" learning plays a role in the learning of "other race" faces, given that all races have difficulty learning faces of races different from their own.

Dr. Vicki Flaherty '86 of IBM Global Services adds, "Only after I left Mary Washington and entered graduate school at The University of Georgia did I fully appreciate what I had gained by participating in the MWC psychology department's research program. It was then that I realized that it is rare for a student entering graduate school to have conducted a full-scale research project, presented the work at a professional conference, and written it up for publication. The research study really gave me a head start in completing my master's thesis. Mary Washington sets the bar very high for its students. It's no wonder it is a well-respected institution."

We are very proud of the work our students have done on their projects. Six times in this decade, students from MWC have won the Frederick B. Rowe Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research Paper given by the Virginia Psychological Association. We are also proud of the accomplishments our research students have made since leaving the College. Former research students of ours, Dr. Mary Russo '86, Dr. Margie Sanfilipo Hardy '87 and Dr. John Hummel '86, are tenured professors at Slippery Rock University, Muhlenberg College and UCLA, respectively. Dr. Holly Hollomon '94 is a research scientist at Westat Corporation in Rockville, Md. Dr. Lorrina Eastman '89 is manager of organizational assessment at Bass Hotels and Resorts in Atlanta. These fine students have been wonderful ambassadors for our department and for the College.

Our efforts to integrate a research component into our program have not gone unnoticed. In 1995, a national journal, *The Council on Undergraduate Research Quarterly*, featured our program in an article titled "A Mature Undergraduate Research Program: Psychology at Mary Washington College." As we head for the year 2000 and beyond, we feel confident that we are preparing students to compete at the highest levels in the workplaces and graduate schools of the next century.

Steve R. Hampton is chair of the Department of Psychology. He is an experimental psychologist and has been at the College for 19 years. In 1993, 1996 and 1998 his research students won the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Paper Award from the Virginia Psychological Association.

Here are some examples of papers presented at professional conferences by MWC psychology professors and their students.

Students Julie Spessard and Julie Wessinger and Professor Christine McBride (1999): "**Is Laughter the Best Medicine? The Role of Humor in Pain Tolerance.**" Paper presented at the spring meeting of the Virginia Psychological Association Convention, Virginia Beach, Va.

(Winner: *Frederick B. Rowe Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Paper*)

Students Seth Hollinger, Jenny McGrainer, Jake Ridgeway, Matt White and Professor Larry Penwell (1999): "**The Effects of In-Group Bias on the Perceptions of a Negotiator.**" Paper presented at the spring meeting of the Virginia Psychological Association Convention, Virginia Beach, Va.

(Winner: *Virginia Applied Psychology Academy Award for Outstanding Paper in an Applied Area*)

Students Rebecca Abramson, Elizabeth Bean, Megan Chiasson, Erin Higgins, Heather Settle and Professor Steve Hampton (1998): "**Just the Facts, Ma'am: Can Verbal Descriptions Improve Face Identification.**" Paper presented at the spring meeting of the Virginia Psychological Association, Wintergreen, Va.

(Winner: *Frederick B. Rowe Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Paper*)

Students Alison Breland, Heather Williams and Professor Larry Penwell (1998): "**Influences on Women's Conflict-Management Style: Self-efficacy, Power, and Sex of Opponent.**" Presented at the Virginia Psychological Association Convention, Wintergreen, Va.

(Winner: *Virginia Applied Psychology Academy Award for Outstanding Paper in an Applied Area*)

Students Katie Burke, Jill McDaniel, Lisa Prillaman and Professor Steve Hampton (1996): "**Effects of Congruency on Relational Judgments Based on Campus Geography.**" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Virginia Psychological Association, Williamsburg, Va.

(Winner: *Frederick B. Rowe Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Paper*)

Leave 'em Laughing!

BY RANDALL A. YOUNG '99

As the lights in Dodd Auditorium are dimmed, the audience quiets. On the lighted stage Tara Corrigall '82, president of the MWC Alumni Association, opens the show: "The Capitol Steps are now going to attempt, where others have failed, to be funnier than the Congress!" The audience laughs and claps, and the show begins for the seventh Fredericksburg Forum.

The Fredericksburg Forum sponsors two programs each year, bringing nationally known speakers to the Mary Washington campus. Capitol Steps, a musical comedy troupe from the Washington, D.C., area, has made a profession of political satire and jokes written to the strains of well-known jingles and show tunes.

Started in 1981 as a group of three congressional staffers hired to provide entertainment for a congressional Christmas party, Capitol Steps includes 23 actors, all of whom now make fun of the politicians who used to employ them. Capitol Steps provides up-to-the-minute political comedy, pulling their material right out of today's headlines. The group writes its own routines as well, providing a personal touch of sorts to their repertoire.

Dodd Auditorium was decorated as if for a political convention. Red, white, and blue balloons festooned the sides of the stage, with bunting hung above it. Dressed in all sorts of costumes depicting politicians from Bill Clinton and Al Gore to Ross Perot to Saddam Hussein, Capitol Steps poked fun at everything it could think of. By far the favorite topic of the performance was the Monica Lewinsky scandal and Kenneth Starr's recent independent counsel investigation. But, always willing to share the puns, the group also made jokes about Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Jesse "The Body" Ventura's election as governor of Minnesota, India and Pakistan's nuclear arms race, the recent troubles with Iraq, the Y2K bug, telemarketers, Viagra, and even the recent scare in Washington regarding its precious cherry trees being attacked by beavers.

The routine that seemed to be the real crowd-pleaser, however, was the one called "Lirty Dies," performed by Mike Tilford. In this routine, Tilford swapped the first letters of certain words in a sentence to make the monologue say things that weren't really there. For example, the title of the piece, "Lirty Dies," is actually "Dirty Lies" before Tilford makes the switch.

Speaking only from memory, Tilford delighted the audience with his tongue-twisted tale of the Clinton scandals, even pausing in the middle of the monologue to converse with the audience, still swapping letters in his sentences.

Capitol Steps' performance, overall, was a pure delight to the sold-out audience in Dodd Auditorium. The crowd clapped and cheered as Capitol Steps members Howard Breitbart, Linda Rose Payne, Mike Tilford, Anne Willis Hill, Jamie Zemarel, and Mike Carruthers put on a show that is sure to be remembered.

A surprise announcement was made at the end of the show, when it was revealed that Anne Willis Hill of the troupe had been a student at Mary Washington for two years in the 1970s before transferring to Temple University to get her degree in music.

As the performance drew to a close, Tilford summed up the group's feelings about the show: "Of all the audiences we've played for in this area, you are, without a doubt, the most recent. Goodnight, everybody!"

Randall A. Young '99 of Madison, Va., majored in history and served as a student aide in the Office of Publications during his junior and senior years.

OPENING THIS FALL:

THE JAMES MONROE CENTER FOR GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The face of higher education is taking on a new profile.
The new campus of Mary Washington College, now nearing completion,
is defined by a distinctive architectural style.
Long and low, with broad bands of windows, the glass and brick structure
makes a contemporary statement.

The 59,000 square-foot facility, on Route 17 in Stafford County, is right on schedule. Located on 48 acres of rolling countryside, the two-story building is roughly triangular in shape.

The interior walls are up, the roof is finished, and the steps are installed in the glass-walled stairways on either end. The central space in the heart of the facility is open to an elevated skylight that floods the interior with natural light.

When the glass doors swing open in August to welcome students for the fall semester of 1999, those students will enter a new world of adult educational opportunity.

With classes and courses scheduled to meet the needs of the adult learner, the academic programs also are distinctive. The offerings focus on higher education to enhance personal growth and career development, especially in the areas of leadership and management, computer technology, and professional development for educators. Classes are scheduled in late afternoon, evening and weekend times, often in compressed formats.

Augmenting the academic programs, state-of-the-art information technology will play a central role in the daily life of the new campus.

Two teleconferencing classrooms will be equipped with two-way voice and visual access to offer seminars, small discussion groups, and distance learning.

There will be a multimedia development center, where visual and audio technologies can be integrated with other information technologies to create powerful, original educational materials.

There also will be a networked electronic resource center, where students can access the College library at the Fredericksburg campus, as well as libraries and information centers throughout the world. While a portion of the resource center will offer shelves of books and other printed materials, the center will be geared to research at the "virtual" library available through the Internet and other information technology resources.

High-speed telecommunications linkups will make it possible to share courses and seminars in real time with other Virginia colleges and universities. Conversely, courses taught by Mary Washington College faculty can also be presented in real time, with two-way voice and visual access for every student, at educational institutions throughout the state.

"The guiding principles behind our new vision for adult higher education are to make the instruction relevant to real-life experiences, and to offer the classes when and where adult students can attend," says Meta Braymer, dean of the new campus.

For more information, e-mail cgps@mwc.edu or call Kathryn Willis at (540) 654-1038.

B.L.S. Degree Program Welcomes Adults To MWC Academics

BY KATHRYN REYNOLDS WILLIS '70

Tim Powers' 21-year career in the Navy took him around the world.

Now, as a student in Mary Washington College's bachelor of liberal studies (B.L.S.) degree program, he's preparing for a different kind of "world tour." This time, however, it is he himself who will serve as the guide; the setting for his voyage will be an elementary school classroom.

Powers is one of millions of adults nationwide who are returning to college to complete their undergraduate studies. In fact, the adult, part-time segment of higher education enrollments has increased dramatically, doubling in number between 1975 and 1995, according to the National University Continuing Education Association.

It's been over 20 years since Mary Washington College recognized the need for an adult degree-completion program for area residents. When the B.L.S. degree was first offered in 1977, seven students enrolled. That number steadily increased, and now more than 500 adult students attend classes on campus alongside their traditional, younger classmates.

The program is administered through the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, which offers dozens of continuing education courses and professional development programs to area adults and businesses.

Academically, the College's B.L.S. degree is just as rigorous, and the coursework just as demanding, as a traditional bachelor's of science or of arts.

Tim Powers and fellow students Tania Lourido of Leesburg, Va., Danielle Fourre of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and Rachel Sykes of West Grove, Pa., work together on a group project for their Introduction to Teaching class. Powers and his wife often invite students to dinner prior to a weekly study session.

But there are differences. For one, the degree program offers a flexible approach that takes into account work and family commitments. Students may enroll for a part-time or full-time schedule, and may also request a leave of absence if life's demands intervene.

In addition, adult students can receive credit for life and work experiences. Students may submit a life/work portfolio for assessment by Mary Washington College faculty. Students may also receive credit by examination to demonstrate their command of course material, and credit may also be awarded for military or corporate instruction.

... the adult, part-time segment of higher education enrollments has increased dramatically, doubling in number between 1975 and 1995 ...

For Powers, the credit for work and life experience was appealing. He discovered the basics of the B.L.S. program when he was searching for a college on the Internet. Having considerable experience in the military, he was interested in converting that learning to college credit.

When Powers was just out of high school, he briefly attended college on a baseball scholarship, but it didn't take long for him to realize that he wasn't yet up to the academics. He loved geography and foreign cultures, so he enlisted in the Navy, where he rose to senior chief petty officer, and served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Tours also took him to Maine, Spain, and the South Pacific.

Powers put together a life/work portfolio, and submitted transcripts for coursework he'd completed during military training. He received college credit for both his life experiences and for the coursework he'd completed in the Navy. "This is a great program," he

says. "Mary Washington has done so much for me. It means a lot to have the opportunity to complete my degree."

Anthony Jones began college on a scholarship, but discovered that he simply wasn't ready for the intense academic concentration. He soon enlisted in the Army, and served four years as a combat engineer. When he enrolled in the B.L.S. program in 1997, he, too, received college credit for work and life experiences.

This time around, Jones, whose concentration is in chemistry, has maintained a better than 3.3 average. After graduation, he hopes to go straight to medical school. "This program was just what I was looking for," says Jones, who lives in nearby Spotsylvania County. "I have a son and a family life, and the flexibility that the B.L.S. degree offers is something that many adult students really need."

Jai-Leah Miller finds the flexibility of the B.L.S. degree program to be an asset, as well. Marriage and family interrupted her undergraduate studies. Now a single mom with two daughters, Ms. Miller is completing her degree with a concentration in biology, and hopes to earn a master's. Her career goal is to become a physician assistant. "My motivation is my girls," she explains. "I want to provide a good life for them. The B.L.S. degree allows me to take classes at night, and my professors are helpful. It's made achieving my goals possible."

The bachelor of liberal studies degree is one of many areas where Mary Washington College has responded to the increasing demand for adult higher education. "The demands of professional development have increased dramatically in the past two decades," says Meta Braymer, dean of the James Monroe Center. "The College is developing courses and programs to help area professionals gain expertise in fields as diverse as computer applications in the classroom to leadership and management," she says. "The bachelor of liberal studies is a valuable contribution to the personal development and professional lives of hundreds of area residents. We're very proud of its success."

Kathryn Reynolds Willis '70 is public information officer for the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies.

Anthony Jones joins his father, pharmacist Howard Jones, behind the counter at the Medical Arts Pharmacy at Mary Washington Hospital. Anthony hopes to continue his studies in medical school after his May graduation from Mary Washington College's B.L.S. program.

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Jai-Leah Miller balances motherhood and coursework on a fall afternoon on campus at Mary Washington College. Daughters Arianna, 6, and Caelynn, 3, enjoy the leaves and fine weather while Mom reads a human anatomy textbook.

Citizen of the Year

Edith Gilbert Smith '62 Fights Health-care Battle

Vince Smith, U.S. Rep. James P. Moran and Edith Smith got together soon after the overwhelming House vote to pass the FEHBP Amendment.

BY ADAM FIKE '97, *Times* Staff Writer

Marines like Vincent Smith aren't supposed to get sick. That's not what they are trained for.

"A Marine doesn't want to go to the doctor in the first place," said his wife, Edith.

But just as Marines have sworn to defend their country, they believe the military will protect them if they become ill, she said. "Most military people were told they have free health care for life, and most Americans perceive they do," she said.

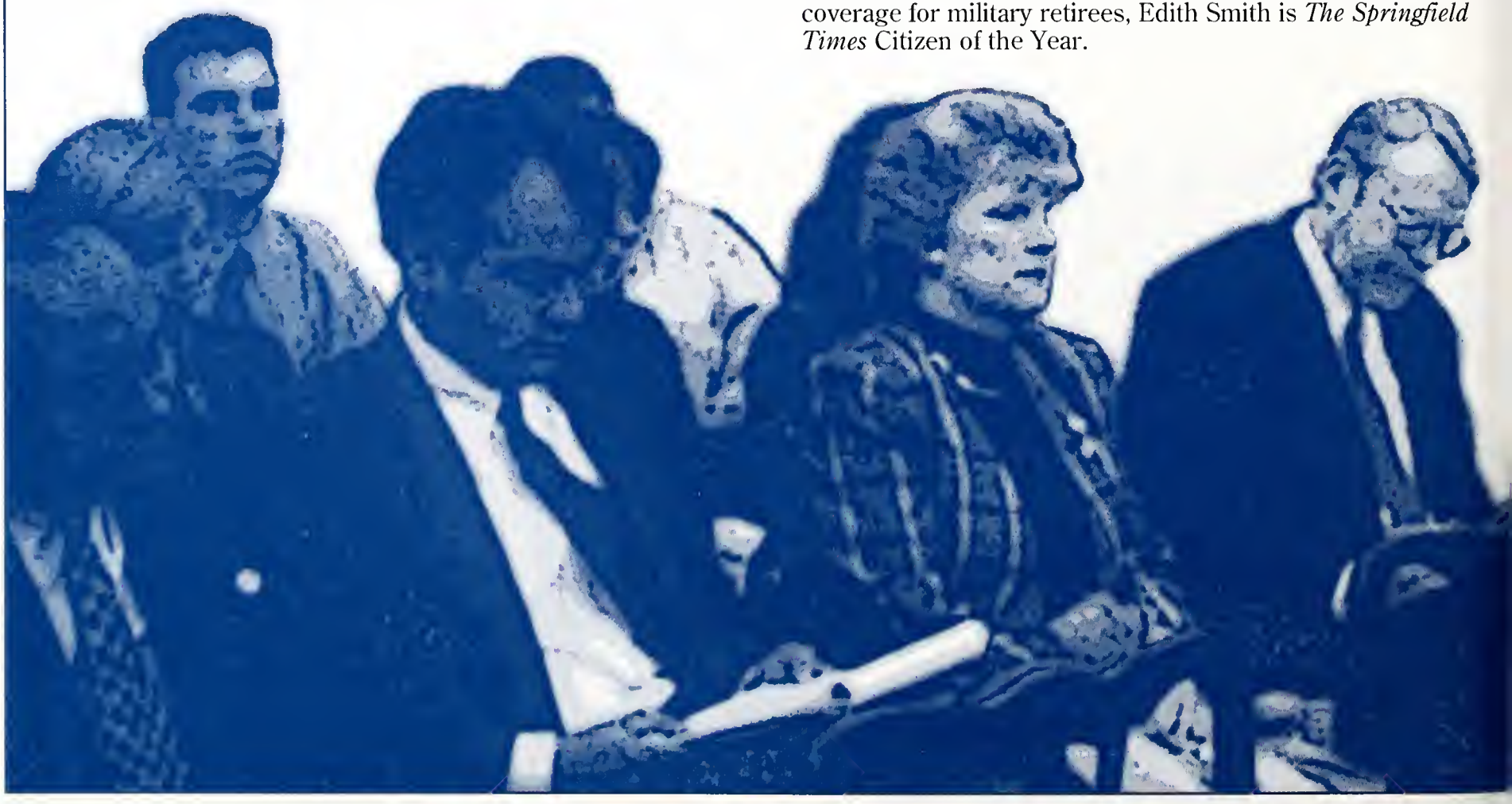
Six weeks after his retirement in 1981, following 23 years in the Corps, Vincent Smith found out he would be sick for the rest of his life. At age 43, he entered Walter Reed Hospital to undergo quadruple-bypass heart surgery. Then, in 1989, he was officially listed as disabled. That status made him eligible for Medicare, but due to federal law he was suddenly ineligible for his military medical benefits.

Then a full-time mom and part-time substitute school teacher, Edith Gilbert Smith '62 didn't know whom to complain to when she first started knocking on doors on Capitol Hill. But she didn't think what happened to her husband was right. So she took action. Over the last nine years, Smith has testified before congressional subcommittees 16 times concerning health-care rights for disabled military retirees. Health-care advocates for military families credit her with helping to pass key legislation, and consider her an expert on the subject of military health care.

On Sept. 3, 1998, Vincent Smith died of cardiac arrest. Looking over a collage of pictures from their life together, Mrs. Smith said she will miss his help in the work that has become such a large part of her. "It gave us something to do together that was a big meaningful project," said Smith, in her 50s. As she was speaking, the answering machine took the fourth message in an hour from callers looking for Smith's input and help in her continuing quest.

In the halls of Congress, representatives and their staffs all seem to know her first and last name. When she asks questions they answer, "Yes, ma'am." For her efforts to ensure better health coverage for military retirees, Edith Smith is *The Springfield Times* Citizen of the Year.

Edith Smith presenting testimony before the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee on March 19, 1998.



OT JUST A HOUSEWIFE

Before Vincent Smith reached the point in 1987 where he was nable to work, his health insurance was covered by a defense ontractor that employed him and the military's own Civilian ealth and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services CHAMPUS). Then, like any disabled civilian employee, he beme eligible for Medicare 29 months later. But while a retired vilian employee could have retained both Medicare and health overage by the company where they worked, federal law dicted that Vincent Smith's eligibility for Medicare canceled his HAMPUS coverage.

"The only loophole was that he got too sick," his wife said.

At the time, he was 51 years old, 14 years younger than when s CHAMPUS support was due to run out. Though she had o idea how health-care associations and lobbyists operate, or en how to operate a computer, Mrs. Smith went to work. In 990, the National Military Family Association put her in touch th a woman in Florida circulating a petition for a bill that would store CHAMPUS as the second payer for disabled retirees ke Vincent Smith.

Soon Mrs. Smith began her own campaign in Northern Virnia. "She started out saying, 'I'm just a housewife, but I have me concerns,'" said Margaret Hallgren, director of government lations for the association. The words "just a housewife" are cetious ones used to describe Mrs. Smith on the Hill and used a term of endearment, Hallgren said. She prefers the words actful" and "bulldog."

For instance, in 1991, the day after U.S. Rep. James Moran)-Va., 8th Dist.) was sworn in, Vincent Smith was at Moran's fice before the furniture was moved in. Enlisting Moran's suport, Mrs. Smith not only testified but supplied background inforation to help write federal legislation, Moran said. "She's worth lking to because she's knows what she's talking about," he said.

By 1991, Mrs. Smith spent two days a week on Capitol Hill nocking on doors and countless hours on the phone, talking anyone who would listen. "It was not hard to educate conessional staffers," she said.

SUCCESS ON THE HILL

By the end of 1991, Congress had restored CHAMPUS as a second payer for military retirees under 65. Last year, its name changed to Tri-Care. Each year since, Mrs. Smith has returned to Congress to testify on ways to refine the system. Her current goal is to get the same coverage for military retirees that federal employees receive under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Last May a pilot program to extend federal employee benefits in up to 10 cities, a program sponsored by Moran and supported by Mrs. Smith, was approved by the House of Representatives in a vote of 420-1.

Mrs. Smith's major contribution to organizations trying to reform health care is that she generates an enormous amount of research, said Charles Hymers, president of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the Retired Officers Association. "When it comes to debating and discussing the issue, she is not only capable of doing it, but she has the facts to back it up," he said. And while she isn't an official volunteer with the National Military Family Association, she does communicate with the advocacy group daily and received its Outstanding Volunteer Services Award.

Mrs. Smith was presented with the NMFA 1998 Margaret Vinson Hallgren Award by (l. to r.) Marilyn Sobke, president, National Military Family Association, Rep. Moran and Margaret Vinson Hallgren.

"While Mrs. Smith is considered an expert on health care for military retirees, not being officially connected to the association often allows her to speak more bluntly than the group's lobbyists," Hallgren said, "so she could be freer to ruffle a few more feathers, perhaps."

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Moving Ahead Stroke by Stroke

BY KRISTINE A. REID '00

"Ready all, row!" Eight oars push through the water in one fluid motion, propelling the boat forward, as eight bodies swing into motion with perfect timing. The strokes become stronger and faster as the rowers settle into their rhythm, moving forward and pulling back as one. The sun is just coming up as the boat glides through the water, the only sound the splashing of the oars and the coxswain calling out commands. Each rower is experiencing the thrill of being part of perfection, of feeling the boat move beneath them with every stroke. There really is no better way to start the day!

Like many other novice, or first-year rowers, I joined the MWC crew team with no experience at all. Most new members had previously participated in other sports and decided to try something new for a change. All of us have found crew a sport completely different from any other, and have grown to love it.

"Rowers are self-motivated individuals who aren't afraid of a little hard work in order to achieve a goal," says our crew coach, Brad Holdren. "Everyone wants to win. People who love rowing are willing to prepare to win."

When weather permits, the Eagle crew practices at Belle Plaines Marina on Potomac Creek near where it joins the Potomac River. "Proximity to the pier, a soon-to-be-built boathouse and facilities, as well as other superb waterways in the area, make Mary Washington an ideal choice for any prospective collegiate rower," Brad says. "Being close to the Occoquan, Rappahannock, and Potomac Rivers allows the crew to participate in top regattas and practice on some of the best waters in the region."

This year we participated in some of the top regattas in the nation: the Head of the Muskingum in Marietta, Ohio, the Occoquan Chase in Northern Virginia, and the Head of the Ohio, which pitted MWC against several Ivy League schools.

Nothing else can compare to being on the open water, the wind on your back, and the feeling of power you have with every stroke you take. Annette Hibbert '00, a member of the women's novice group, says, "I love it when you can feel everything you have practiced come together, and the boat starts to really move."

Coach Brad Holdren calls out instructions.

Keith Brockman '00, Joe Petrick '01 and Gary Woodward '00 carry their boat to the dock.

Every morning we also get to see the sun rise, exercise, and train together. We are part of a close team, with everyone working together to achieve the common goal of making the boat go faster. "I've learned a lot about teamwork and working together, so it's been a great experience for me,"

Practice starts as the boats leave the dock.

The Men's Varsity Eight show strength and speed on the water.

says Kevin Lampinen '01, one of 17 men on the team. This sport is all about teamwork and precision. That's what makes crew such a unique and beautiful sport.

It is only now getting the recognition it deserves, however. After years of being a club, the crew team finally became a varsity sport at MWC this academic year, making the hard work and sacrifices worthwhile.

Long before the rest of campus stirs, team members leave their warm beds to begin practice at 5:30 a.m. every morning under a cover of darkness. Workouts are physically demanding, and often it is so cold hands and feet seem to freeze. Many members have blisters on their hands where skin has not yet been toughened, but every member of the team agrees it is all worth it.

Kristine A. Reid '00 of Dunkirk, Md., is majoring in biology and is a student aide in the Office of Publications at MWC.

Varsity members Maura Kaufmann '99, Kira Maas '01 and Erin Dempsey '00 catch up before practice begins.

WHAT A YEAR!

BY CLINT OFTEN

Long acknowledged as one of the top NCAA Division III athletic programs in the nation, Mary Washington College raised the bar once again in 1998-99, achieving even more noteworthy performances and adding to the storied athletic tradition at the College. The newly expanded 23-sport contingent continued its dominance in the Capital Athletic Conference, and the national spotlight shone on several teams and players. Add in a memorable night at the Hall of Fame inductions, and you'll score 1998-99 as one for the ages in MWC athletics.

The fall season began with high aspirations for several teams, including the women's soccer team of

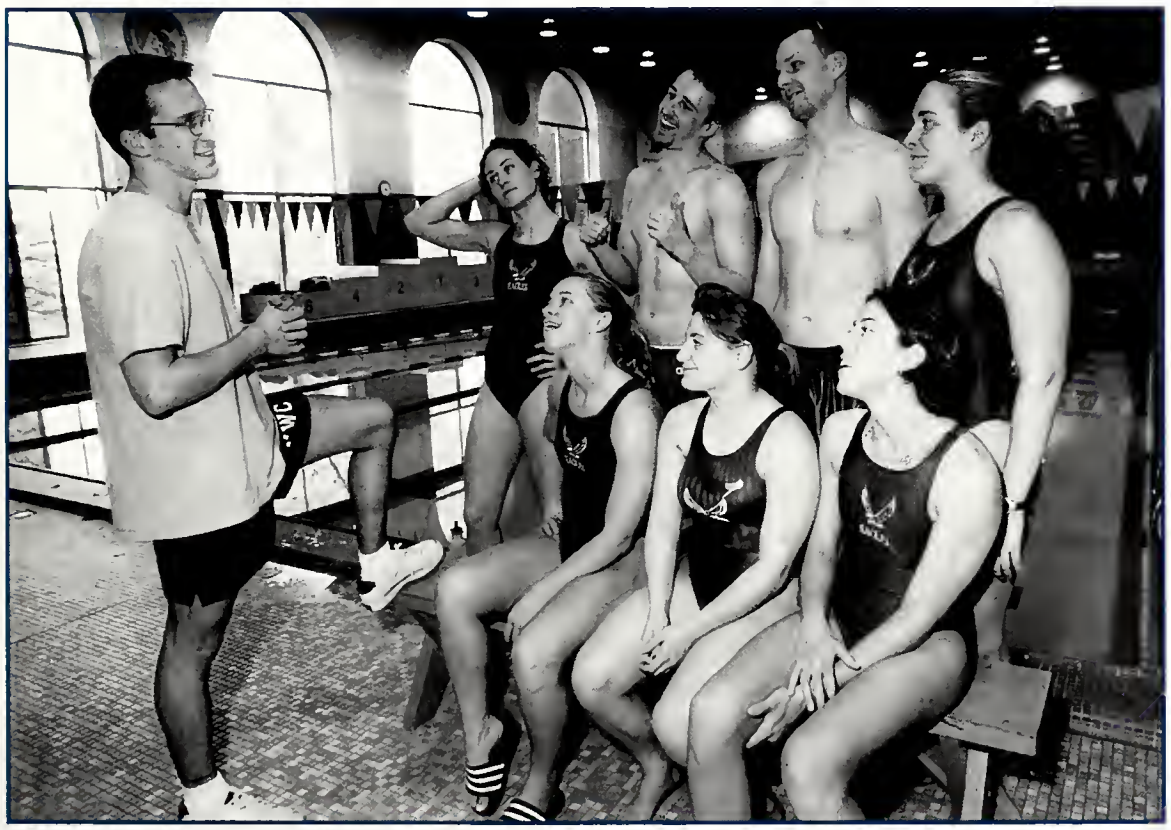
Left: The nationally ranked women's soccer team highlighted the fall season, returning to the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals for the second straight year.

Middle left: MWC field hockey defender Erin Broome '99 was named All-American by the National Field Hockey Coaches' Association.

Bottom left: The men's soccer team placed third in the Capital Athletic Conference.

Bottom right: Preseason All-American George Bunch '99 led the Eagles to one of its best seasons ever.

Coach Connie Gallahan's women's basketball team was ranked as high as seventh in the nation this winter.

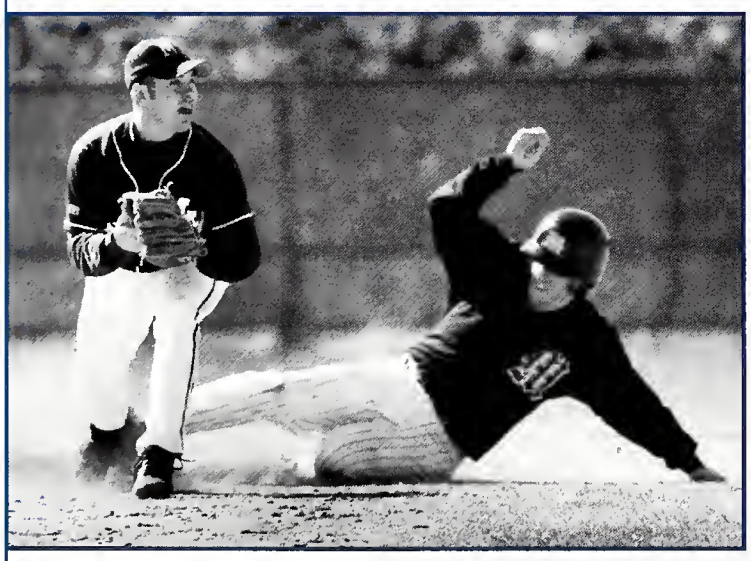


Coach Matt Kinney's swim teams continued to be a national force this year, claiming four All-America honors.

Coach Kurt Glaeser. With just two seniors on the roster, Glaeser's squad repeated as conference and NCAA South Region champions, with a return trip to the national round of eight and a quarterfinal match at Willamette, Ore. Although the 17-2-2 Eagles lost one game shy of the final four, the young, talented nucleus returns in '99. Coach Dana Hall's field hockey team also received national recognition, placing among the nation's elite teams for most of the season, and falling just one win shy of advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995. Both teams yielded second team All-Americans: junior midfielder Johanna Klein in soccer, and senior defender Erin Broome in field hockey.

The cross country teams of Coach Stan Soper continued their dominance of the Capital Athletic Conference, as both teams won their seventh CAC title in the eight-year history of the conference. Coming off its best season ever in 1997, the men's soccer team under Coach Roy Gordon fell to an 8-11-1 record, and third place in the conference. The young volleyball team, meanwhile, finished 15-15, and saw senior Deanna Heckman set school career and season digs records.

All-American Melissa Ballance '99 led the lacrosse team to 11 wins and a final national ranking of ninth.



The baseball team had another successful year, claiming 20 wins for the ninth consecutive year.

The MWC softball team finished third in the CAC, and Coach Dee Conway was named CAC Coach of the Year.

Another highlight of the fall was the induction of President William M. Anderson Jr. and the 1988 NCAA National Champion women's tennis team into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Dr. Anderson's induction, which was kept a secret until the banquet, was eloquently chronicled by William B. Crawley Jr., College historian, who described the president's support and help for the athletic program through the years.

The cold weather couldn't chill the performance of the MWC winter teams, which reached new heights while bringing fresh recognition to the school. For the first time ever, both basketball teams were ranked nationally, and in the same week. The women, coming off an appearance at the NCAA Tournament, were ranked as high as seventh in the nation, while the men climbed to number 22 in December after winning the season-opening tournament in Lynchburg. The men also had an All-American in senior forward George Bunch, who was selected by *Street and Smith's College Basketball Yearbook* as a national pick.

The MWC swim team continued to produce All-Americans, with juniors Kim Myers and Mariah Butler repeating as national selections in leading the women's team to an unprecedented ninth consecutive Capital Athletic Conference title. The men's swimmers lost just once in CAC competition, and took second at the CAC Championship.

The MWC riding team, traditionally one of the finest equestrian programs on the Eastern seaboard, continued to excel this season under first-year coach Kathy Danielson. The Eagles finished third in the end-of-year regional standings, sending four riders to zone finals and four to the regional show.

Coach Dana Hall's women's lacrosse team had one of its best seasons ever, tying the school record for season wins and ranking among the top 10 in the nation for the entire season. The Eagles, 11-3 on the season, had three players named preseason All-Americans, a first for the program.

The rowing teams, in their first year as a varsity sport, made a splash at the regional and national levels, having already evolved into one of the top crews in the Mid-Atlantic region. The Eagles won races at nearly every regatta they attended, and look to get even better in 1999-2000.

The MWC baseball team closed the season with a flourish, winning 10 of their last 12 games, with a roster that included four seniors. The Eagles had several impressive wins this spring, including a win at nationally-ranked Methodist College and a sweep over CAC champion York College.

Coach Dee Conway's women's softball team finished the season with 11 wins, and a third place finish in the 1999 Capital Athletic Conference Tournament. With one senior on its roster, and many young talented players, look for this Eagle team to return to the NCAA Tournament again next spring.

Under the direction of Stan Soper, the Women's CAC Coach of the Year, the Eagle track and field teams continued to be two of Mary Washington's top performers. In indoor season, the women's team sent three participants to the NCAA Championships, with two earning All-American honors. In a year in which many outdoor records fell, both the men and women had very successful meets on a weekly basis, with the women taking first at the conference championships for the sixth straight year, and the men breaking several school records en route to a second-place finish at the CAC meet.

Head Coach Kurt Glaeser's men's lacrosse team continued to ascend as one of the top teams in the conference and region, by finishing with

The Eagle men's lacrosse team had one of its best seasons ever, finishing with eight wins and advancing to the conference semifinals.

eight wins and a third-place finish in the highly competitive Capital Athletic Conference. In a season where several school records went by the board, the Eagles also won with a young squad, with just four seniors on the roster.

Roy Gordon's men's tennis team had a record-breaking season, winning a school-best 14 matches en route to a top-eight finish in the region for the second time in three seasons. The team was especially tough on Division One opponents, topping Austin Peay University and Howard University in the spring. They were also undefeated in four matches at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and won three flights at the 1999 CAC Championships in Coach Gordon's final season coaching tennis at MWC.

In his 23rd and final season coaching tennis at Mary Washington, Ed Hegmann's women's team won an unprecedented ninth consecutive Capital Athletic Conference championship under his direction, and returned to the NCAA National Tournament for the 15th time. The Eagles won nine dual matches on the year and took eight of nine flights at the CAC Championships.

Clint Often is MWC's director of sports information.

The MWC tennis teams had outstanding seasons, with the men setting a school record for wins, and the women advancing to the NCAA tournament for the 15th time.

Hammers from the Heart

BY RAYMOND S. TUTTLE

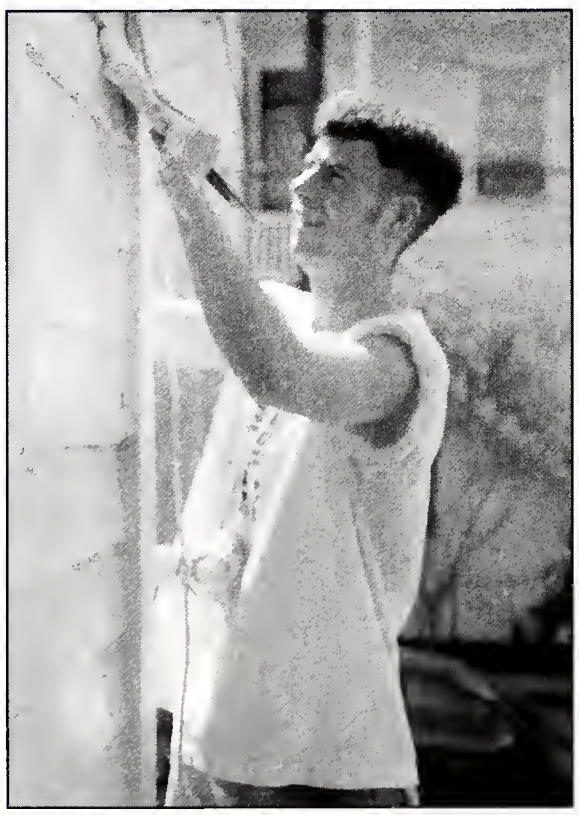
New Orleans, home of jambalaya and jazz, hosted 14 Mary Washington College students during spring break. While many of their friends tanned on beaches or caught up on schoolwork, MWC students served the community through Habitat for Humanity International.

This nonprofit organization helps economically challenged families worldwide own simple, decent homes. These homes are built by family members and volunteers and sold to the family — with interest-free loans — at no profit to Habitat. The success of the program depends on generous donations of construction materials and volunteer time. Habitat service opportunities are available to MWC students through the College's Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) office.

The project was organized largely by Jason Engelhardt and Irene Schinkel, students who served on a Habitat trip to Miami the previous year. More than 50 students applied for this year's trip. The participants, ranging from freshmen to seniors, and accompanied by two Residence Life faculty advisers (Gabby Sulzback and me), left MWC in two vans at the start of spring break and arrived in New Orleans almost 20 hours later. Faith Presbyterian Church in the suburb of Harvey generously turned their main room into a dormitory for the week.

The group worked on three different Habitat sites. Projects included tarpapering and shingling roofs, constructing fences, painting, and working with drywall. By the end of the week, even students whose prior experiences with construction had been limited to putting together a loft or a bookshelf were comfortably swinging hammers. All projects were conducted under the watchful supervision of Habitat staff — mostly volunteers, or participants in the AmeriCorps program.

Dana Karlovich '02 (right) and an AmeriCorps staffer (left) work together on a frame, while Matt Hughart '02 (bottom left) paints siding, and Katie MacPhail '01 (bottom right) puts together a fence.



The project gave students a remarkable opportunity for personal growth and learning while in service of others. No one left New Orleans the following Saturday unmoved or unchanged. A site supervisor encouraged them to "take Habitat with them wherever they go." Already they are doing just that.

Raymond S. Tuttle is associate director of residence life and judicial affairs at MWC.

David Watson and Dara Laos in last year's "The Secret Garden"

Fredericksburg Theatre Company Announces 1999 Season

Noises Off • Quilters • Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Fresh from a successful first season back in Klein Theatre at Mary Washington College, Gregg Stull, Fredericksburg Theatre Company's producing director, kicks off the new year with the announcement of the theater company's 23rd season of plays.

"The season offers a wonderful variety of rich stories, including two vibrant musicals and a witty comedy," remarks Stull, assistant professor and chair of MWC's Department of Theatre and Dance. "The season will have so much to offer our students as well as community performers and guest artists."

The Fredericksburg Theatre Company will start the summer with the international hit comedy, "Noises Off," which will run June 17-26, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Matinee performances will be held on Saturday, June 19, Sunday, June 20, and Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m.

Noises Off • Quilters • Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

This farcical comedy by Michael Frayn is actually a play-within-a-play, exposing all the hilarious twists and turns on and offstage. *The New York Times* described "Noises Off" as "A joyous and loving reminder that the theater really does go on, even when the show falls apart."

The second show of the season is the touching musical "Quilters," which will run July 1-2 at 8 p.m. and July 7-10 at 8 p.m., with matinees on July 3 and July 10 at 2 p.m.

"Quilters" is a unique and poignant musical celebrating the lives and spirit of pioneer women. The story follows a woman and her six daughters as they face the harsh challenges of pioneer life. Each milestone in their lives becomes a patch on a quilt. *Newsweek* hailed the show as "... a tender and moving theater work, a human patchwork rippling in the breeze of memory."

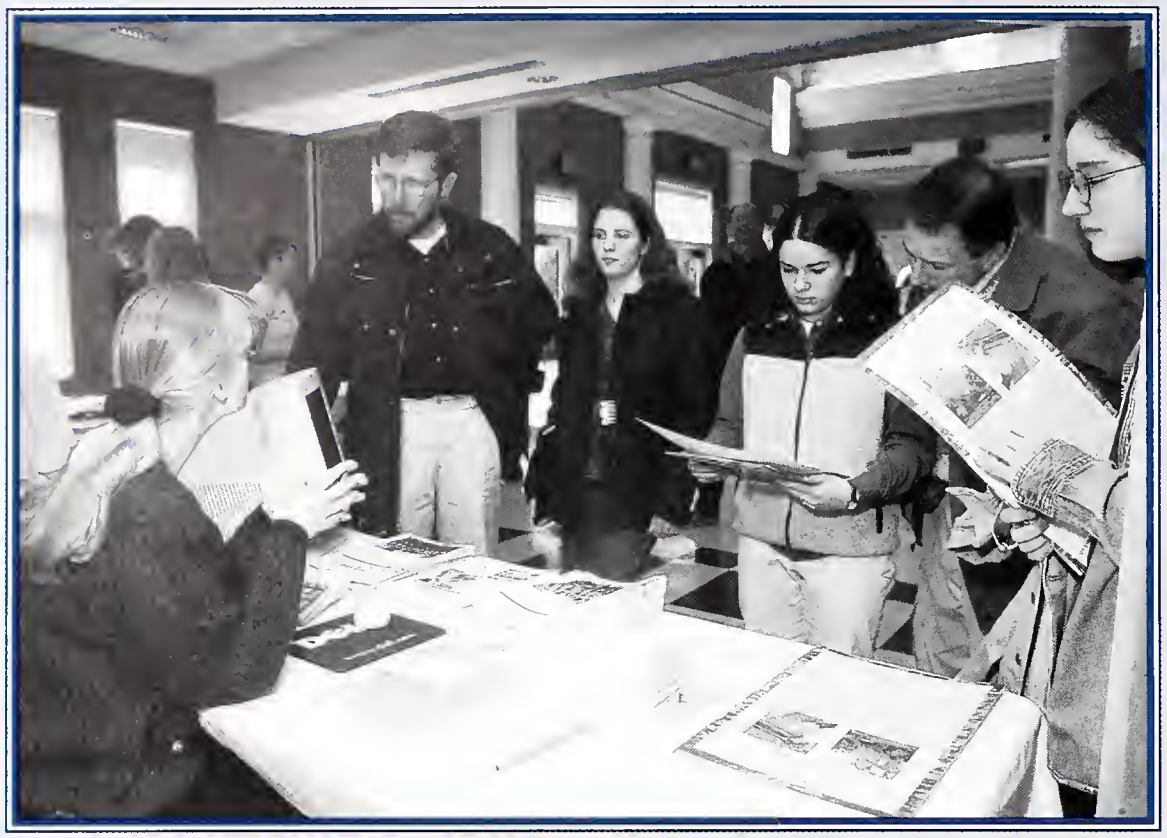
Closing the season will be the delightful family musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The show will run from July 15-25, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with an additional evening performance on Wednesday, July 21, and three weekend matinee performances on July 18, 24 and 25 at 2 p.m.

Andrew Loyd Webber and Tim Rice's joyous retelling of the Bible classic is "a flamboyant musical for young people" according to *The New York Times*. With a dashing mix of rock 'n roll, country western and vaudeville, the exciting and ancient tale of Joseph, his coat, and his brothers comes to life on the stage.

"This is a very strong season for the community and our audience — an entertaining and witty comedy and two musicals that are touching and lots of fun," notes Professor Stull. "Last year we broke all previous records for attendance," he says, "and with the looks of this season, I know we will have full houses all summer long."

Season subscriptions for the three-play package with reserved seating are $33, a savings of 25 percent off the single ticket price. Subscription information is available by calling the box office at (540) 654-1124.

Fredericksburg Theatre Company is the summer professional theater-in-residence at Mary Washington College. The company includes local artists, guest professionals, student apprentices and faculty from MWC's Department of Theatre and Dance. Fredericksburg Theatre Company is supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the City of Fredericksburg, Mary Washington College, dozens of local businesses and hundreds of individual citizens.



During the Academic Showcase in the Great Hall, honors students have the opportunity to speak with MWC students and faculty in their area of interest.

SHOWCASE

In February, the Admissions Office completed the selection of Honors Admission candidates for the 1999 freshman class. Honors Admission is an early notification plan which recognizes the most outstanding students in MWC's applicant pool.

This year 879 applicants were accepted for Honors Admission. These candidates have an average SAT score of 1304 (compared to 1279 for the Honors Admission students last year). In addition, they have a high school GPA of 3.87, and 76 percent rank in the top 10th of their graduating class.

These exceptional students were invited to attend MWC's annual Showcase open house programs in March, which show off the special features of the College. Students had until May 1 to decide whether or not to accept MWC's offer of admission.

BELMONT RE-ACCREDITED

Belmont, The Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, has been re-accredited by the American Association of Museums (AAM). This is considered one of the highest honors a museum can receive. Of the 8,000 museums nationwide, only 750 are accredited.

Accreditation recognizes that a museum operates according to high standards set by the museum profession, manages its collections responsibly and provides quality service to the public. The rigorous review process involves a one-year self-study by the museum and an on-site review by a team of experienced museum professionals from the AAM.

Belmont, a 27-acre estate and former residence of artist Gari Melchers, is owned and operated by the state of Virginia and administered by Mary Washington College. The property is a National Historic Landmark and a Virginia Historic Landmark and is open to visitors year-round. Belmont is located at 224 Washington St. in Falmouth, Va., a quarter-mile west of the intersection of U.S. Routes 1 and 17.

Faculty Highlights

Claudia E. Andrews, assistant professor of English, read from her works of poetry on the public radio program, "With Good Reason." The topic of the program was "Shakespeares in Love." Poets and authors from Virginia sent verbal Valentines as they read from their most romantic writings.

James F. Gaines, professor of French, presented a paper titled "Moncachtapé's Voyage — A Precursor to Lewis and Clark," at the annual conference of the South Central Modern Language Association in New Orleans, La. The paper examines a French historian's account of the transcontinental travel of a Yazoo Indian a century before the expedition of the Corps of Discovery.

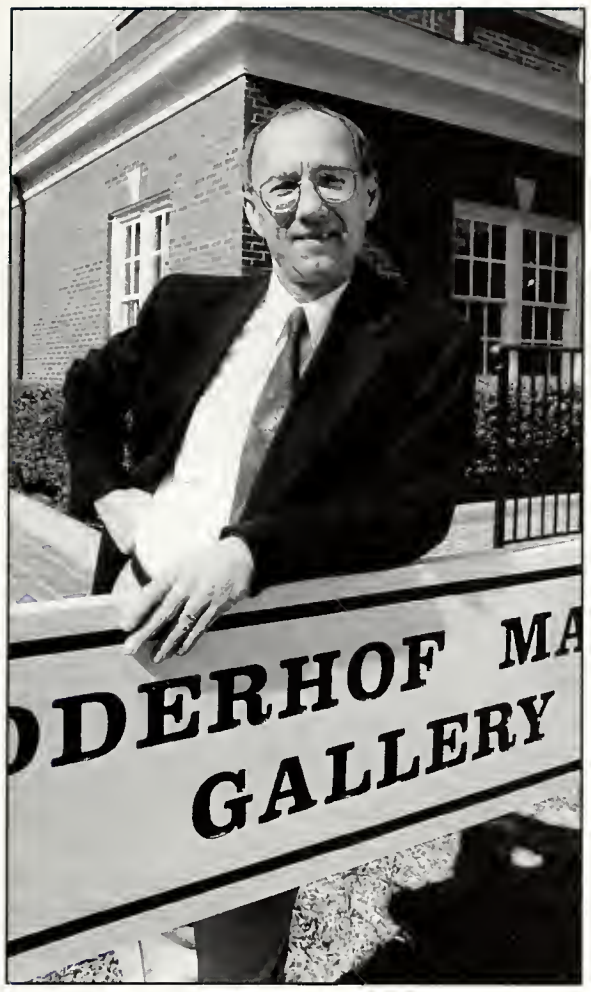
Roy F. Gratz, professor of chemistry, co-wrote a paper titled "High Glass Transition Temperature Syndioregic Second Order Nonlinear Optical Polymer in Langmuir-Blodgett-Kuhn Films," that recently was published in *Thin Solid Films*. This article is the result of Dr. Gratz's work at the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division in China Lake, Calif. Also, a seventh patent, "Substituted 1,1,1-Triaryl-2,2,2-triflouroethanes and Processes for their Synthesis," was granted to Dr. Gratz for his work done at NASA's Lewis Research Center in 1983-84.

Christopher T. Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology, was also interviewed on "With Good Reason" on the topic "Male Call: Domestic Violence and the Post Modern Male."

Margaret A. Klayton-Mi, associate professor of business administration, made two presentations in China. She spoke on "Telecommuting" to M.B.A. students at Jiao Tong University in Shanghai and presented "Marketing on the Internet" to students at the Shanghai University of Finance and Technology. Dr. Klayton-Mi also wrote an article, "Telecities: The Life and Times of Generation X," published in *Futures Research Quarterly.*

Janusz Konieczny, associate professor of mathematics, and Stephen L. Lipscomb, professor of mathematics, published an article titled "Centralizers in the Semigroup of Partial Transformations," in the journal *Mathemtica Japonica.*

Richard J. Krickus, distinguished professor of political science, delivered a lecture, "U.S. Foreign Policy and the Kaliningrad Question," at the Danish Institute of International Affairs in Copenhagen. His paper on the same topic was published by the institute as part of its Working Papers Series for 1998. Dr. Krickus participated in a round table on Kaliningrad sponsored by Vilnius University in Vilnius, Lithuania, and he also lectured at the U.S. State Department Foreign Service Institute on "Lithuania



Thomas P. Somma

and Kaliningrad Today." His article, "The Plight of Kaliningrad," will be published by East-West Institute in New York in their Russia Regional Research Report.

Elizabeth M.F. Lewis, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper titled "Goya and the Changing Faces of Spanish Women," at the East Coast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting in Salisbury, Md. In addition, Dr. Lewis participated in a panel discussion on "Teaching the 18th and 19th Centuries," at the Modern Language Association annual meeting in San Francisco, Calif.

Patricia L. Metzger, professor of business administration, presented a paper titled "A Model for Educating Adults in the Twenty-first Century," at the National Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute in Las Vegas, Nev., where she also chaired a session on Risk Assessment and Ethics. Dr. Metzger presented a paper titled "A Self-Directed Learning Model for Women's Leadership," at the 13th International Self-Directed Learning Symposium held in Scottsdale, Ariz. She presented a paper, "A Judge's Prescription for Practicing Law Applies to the Accounting Profession," at the national meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Las Vegas, where she chaired the session on Accounting Ethics in the Workplace. Dr. Metzger also contributed the chapter, "Leaders Emerge from Self-Directed Learning in the Classroom," to *Contemporary Ideas and Practices in Self-Directed Learning*, published by the Public Managers Center, College of Education, University of Oklahoma. Dr. Metzger presented "Bridging Differences in Ethical Perceptions is a Key Role in Education in a Culturally Diverse World: Students Often Draw Fine Lines in Evaluating Comparative Ethicalness," before the 22nd annual conference of the Society of Educators and Scholars in San Antonio, Texas.

Wendy L. Price, assistant professor of historic preservation, accepted a position on the Virginia State Review Board. The function of the board is to recommend the nomination of historic properties in Virginia to the National Register of Historic Places. Members of the board are appointed by the State Historic Preservation Officer of Virginia.

Robert S. Rycroft, professor of economics, wrote a software review titled "Microcomputer Software of Interest to Forecasters in Comparative Review: Updated Again," that was published in the *International Journal of Forecasting*.

Mark J. Safferstone has been named associate dean of graduate and professional studies. Last year, he served as visiting assistant professor of business administration at the College. Dr. Safferstone's new duties include administrative oversight of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, as well as writing and researching proposals for new programs.

Douglas W. Sanford, assistant professor of historic preservation, published an article titled "Embrey Dam and a Context for Hydroelectricity in Fredericksburg," in the 1998 issue of *The Journal of Fredericksburg History*. This journal is published annually by the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation. Dr. Sanford's article stemmed from a study which assessed the historical significance of Embrey Dam, a reinforced concrete structure built between 1908 and 1910. Mary Washington College's Center for Historic Preservation conducted the study for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the City of Fredericksburg. Dr. Sanford also presented a paper titled "Frontier and Post-Frontier Industrialism: The Archaeology of Ironworking in 18th- and 19th-Century Virginia" at the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Thomas P. Somma, director of Mary Washington College Galleries, gave a lecture on a Paul Wayland Bartlett sculpture from the Smithsonian Institution's collection at the National Museum of American Art. Dr. Somma also presented a lecture titled "Ce grand francais d'Amerique: Paul Wayland Bartlett's Architectural Sculpture in Washington" at the symposium, The French Connection in Washington, which was sponsored by the Society of Architectural Historians in Washington, D.C.

The MWC Press

In the fall issue of *MWC Today*, the article "MWC Press" detailed the inception of the MWC Press and the printing of its first book, *Home is Another Country*. More behind-the-scenes information may be of interest to *MWC Today* readers.

The idea for starting a press was first mentioned by Carolyn Taylor, director of auxiliary services, to Dan Dervin, now professor emeritus of English, in the College Bookstore one fall day in 1997. She had noted his scattering of published fiction and wondered if he might not have enough for a collection. They then retired to her office for further discussions. These talks led to a search for a sufficient supply of Dervin's short stories and the enlistment of Joseph Di Bella, professor of art, for his own creative responses. Overall, the enterprise was collaborative. Dr. Dervin says his persistence in seeing the work to its culmination may have allowed him, in the article, a greater founding role than he actually had.

Home is Another Country and other books by MWC faculty are on sale in the College Bookstore (540) 654-1017 or http://www.mwc.edu/bookstore.

ACM Contest

On Nov. 14, 1998, MWC's Department of Computer Science sent two teams of students to the ACM Programming Contest at Christopher Newport University. One team consisting of Chris Taylor, Kristoffer Henriksson and Matt Jondrow particularly distinguished themselves by placing 29th out of 139 teams. MWC's other team consisted of Christine Sotzing, James Rossi and Seth Mohs. Find more information on Prof. Jennifer Polack's Web page at http://www1.mwc.edu/~polack/acm1997.htm.

Left to right: Stephen L. Griffin, Lorene C. Nickel, Joseph C. Di Bella and Carole A. Garmon

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

November

The Department of Theatre and Dance presented "Sweeney Todd," a musical based on the adventures of a 19th-century barber and his lady accomplice who set out for revenge but find danger…Dr. Robert L. Neman, professor and chair of chemistry at East Central University in Oklahoma, presented the lecture, "Analytical Geochemistry and its Educational Opportunities"…The Virginia State University Concert Choir performed in concert… The award-winning a cappella group, Ball in the House, presented a concert with Symfonics, MWC's student-run a cappella group, performing as the opening act… The combined choruses of MWC presented a holiday concert, in which the Mary Washington College Chorus, the Fredericksburg Singers, the Treble Makers, the Symfonics, and Encore, the MWC Show Choir, performed. The program included sacred and secular holiday pieces.

December

"Deck The Halls '98" was the theme of the 18th annual holiday decorations workshop offered by the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library in conjunction with Jan Williams Florals…Movie music, Broadway melodies, classical gems and a "mystery" instrument were featured in the annual "Pops" concert presented by the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra. The Orchestra's annual "Pops" concert is a Fredericksburg tradition, now in its 22nd year. The Friends of the Orchestra presented two awards. William J. Kinnamon Jr. was named this year's recipient of the Citizen Salute Award, which is given each year to an individual who has made significant contributions to the community. Dr. Wyatt W. Thompson of Fredericksburg was presented with the Service Appreciation Award.

January

Mary Washington College opened its spring semester Cultural Awareness Series with "The Meeting," a dramatization of a conversation between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. The play was held as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at the College… The work of several British postwar artists were exhibited in "Out of Print: British Printmaking 1946-1976" in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery from Jan. 22-March 21… The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Business Assistance and the Small Business Administration, hosted a workshop titled "Stress Management in the Workplace"… The artwork of four faculty members was on display during the "Faculty Exhibition," which ran Jan. 15-Feb. 14 in the duPont Gallery. The exhibition featured works by Joseph C. Di Bella, professor of art; Stephen L. Griffin, associate professor of art; Lorene C. Nickel, professor of art; and Carole A. Garmon, senior lecturer in art.

February

Consumer activist Ralph Nader, named as one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential Americans of the 20th Century, spoke on "The Battle for Consumer Justice." Nader's work has been instrumental in the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration…MWC celebrated Black History Month with a month-long schedule of lectures, poetry readings, panel discussions, workshops, plays and other events. Author and legal scholar Derrick Bell presented "Gospel Choirs: Psalms of Survival in an Alien Land Called Home." Dr. Bell's lecture, based on his book of the same title, recalls the faith contained in black music, particularly gospel music, as a foundation for building new strategies to address serious current problems… Gospel music was again featured in "Gospel Extravaganza," presented by Family Productions…Vincent L. Wimbush, professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at the Union Theological Seminary in New York, lectured on "African Americans and the Bible: Social Cultural Formation and Sacred Texts"…Musician and oral historian Djimo Kouyate presented a workshop and concert of "African Griot Mandling Traditions." He is a descendant of the Kouyate family of griots, storytellers of West Africa who perpetuated the oral tradition and history of a village or family…Using a unique approach to educate their audience about multiculturalism and diversity, an MWC student drama troupe presented "SHADES"…Emmanuel C. Eze, professor of philosophy at Bucknell University, spoke on "Achieving Our Humanity: Race and Reason in the Age of Enlightenment." Born in Nigeria, Dr. Eze is a noted author and scholar, and is currently serving as the editor of the *Journal of African Philosophy*…The calendar of Black History Month events concluded with the annual Step Show in Dodd Auditorium…German violist Vivien Hoffman performed at the College, accompanied by pianist Jennifer Huntly. The concert was designed to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 1948-49 Berlin Airlift…Blues musician Nap Turner performed "Langston Hughes' View of the Blues." Known as Nap "Don't Forget the Blues" Turner, he is a singer, actor, musician and author. His reading of several stories from the "Jesse B. Simple" series by Hughes was backed by the music of a jazz combo… Pianist Andreas Klein taught a master class in Pollard Hall. A German citizen, Klein gained wide visibility with his series of short piano works filmed in 1993 and aired by PBS affiliates in major U.S. cities…Volunteers trained at Mary Washington College again helped with tax form preparation, assisting elderly residents,

Ralph Nader

people with disabilities, and individuals eligible for the earned income tax credit in the Fredericksburg region. A free tax preparation session was held in Monroe Hall...Art historian David Cast lectured on "This is Tomorrow: Prints in England, 1946-76." Cast, professor of art history at Bryn Mawr College, is a scholar of British art and architecture and the Italian Renaissance. He was trained at Oxford University, England, and Columbia University, New York...Author Edward Ball discussed his award-winning book, *Slaves in the Family*. Ball's book explores his personal past as a Southerner and descendent of one of the most prominent and privileged slaveholding families of the South. His book seeks to answer questions about the identities and lives of the slaves who helped build the fortune of his family's South Carolina rice plantation. The book, which has been both embraced by the public as well as negatively criticized, was named as one of *Time* magazine's top five nonfiction books of 1998. Ball received the 1998 National Book Award for nonfiction.

March

A collection of 40 paintings by Stafford County native Palmer C. Hayden was on display at Belmont, the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, from March 20-June 6. The exhibition, "Echoes of Our Past: The Narrative Artistry of Palmer C. Hayden," is part of Homecoming for a Native Son: Remembering the Artist Palmer C. Hayden, a series of events including two public lectures, a series of literary readings, and guided group tours designed to celebrate the life and work of the artist. The exhibition was on loan from the Museum of African American Art in Los Angeles. Hayden, who achieved prominence during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, was the son of a freed slave and was raised in the Widewater area of Stafford County. However, Hayden's considerable accomplishments were virtually unknown in his hometown until recently, when Janet Payne, fine arts coordinator for Stafford County Public Schools, discovered that Hayden, whose paintings she admired in the collection of Hampton University, was a native of Stafford...Richard A. Long, Atticus Haygood Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Emory University, presented the "Harlem Renaissance: Mood and Movement," in the studio at Belmont... Mary Washington College's celebration of Women's History Month featured a month-long schedule of lectures, panel discussions, performances and other events. Contributing editor of *Ms.* magazine and co-founder of Third Wave Foundation, Amy Richards, lectured on "Where Do We Go From Here: Feminism in the 21st Century"...Colman McCarthy lectured on "Why Women are Better Peacemakers." McCarthy is a former nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and founder of the Center for Teaching Peace ...Dr. Azar Nafisi, Iranian writer and scholar, talked about "Tales of Subversion: Women, Culture and Political Change in the Islamic Republic of Iran"...The Women's History Month keynote lecture — "Feminism and Activism: Moving into the 21st Century" — was given by Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women (NOW)...Dr. Kathleen Brown, historian and author of *Good Wives, Nasty Wenches and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender Race and Power in Colonial Virginia*, spoke on "Family Matters: Race and Gender in Colonial Virginia"...The topic "Will We Make Superbabies? The Evidence from Donor Insemination," was addressed by Allan Hanson, professor of anthropology at the University of Kansas... Heather Ross Miller, professor of English at Washington and Lee University and author of *In the Funny Papers*, read from her poetry...Rea Carey, executive director of National Youth Advocacy Coalition, an organization that works to end discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, spoke in the Red Room of Woodard Campus Center...The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center and the Small Business Administration, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Business Assistance, hosted two seminars on "Year 2000: How to Diffuse the Y2K Time Bomb"...John Carson, professor of management science at George Washington University, lectured on "Java: It's Not Your Mothers' Programming Language"...A chamber music recital, featuring five professional musicians from the Czech Republic performed with students, faculty and alumni of the College. This is the fourth year members of the Filharmonie Hradec Kralove have participated in the Visiting Artists in Music program at MWC, each year with different combinations of instrumentalists... John Harte, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, spoke on the topic of changing ecosystems and the effects upon human existence. His lecture was "Ecodiversity and the Sustainability of the Human Enterprise." The author of several books, including *The Green Fuse: An Ecological Odyssey* and *Consider a Spherical Cow: A Course in Environmental Problem Solving*, is a fellow of the American Physical Society and a recipient of a Pew Scholars Prize in Environmental and Biological Conservation.

Patricia Ireland

Update on the Arrington Challenge

BY KAREN DUBS

MWC alumni, parents and friends have risen to the challenge by increasing their financial support this year to meet the $200,000 Arrington Challenge goal. Although it is too early to tally the final total, one result is already very clear: The Challenge from Arabelle Laws Arrington '41 will exceed its $200,000 goal by a considerable amount.

"The response has been tremendous!" says 1998-99 Student Phonathon Chair Hunter Neale '99. "We are very excited to be so close to reaching our goal."

Alumni response rates have been particularly impressive, significantly increasing in both participation and gift amounts this year. As of March 31, over 4,000 donors made new or increased annual gifts, with alumni providing approximately 70 percent of the challenge total.

"MWC is fortunate to be blessed with loyal, proud and supportive alumni, parents and friends. They seem to really enjoy a challenge," says Lee Ann Reaser '98, assistant director of annual giving.

Merle Updike Davis '44 is one alumna who answered the Challenge. In 1941, Merle Updike was a freshman, and Arabelle Laws was her Big Sister, acting as a mentor to show her the ropes at the College. "I couldn't resist when I heard about Arabelle's challenge," says Davis. "It was inspiring to know that my gift would be matched by Arabelle."

The $200,000 Arrington Challenge is currently the largest challenge commitment in the College's 90-year history. All new and increased donations are being met with a one-to-one match from Mrs. Arrington. The money generated by the Challenge is essential because it will fund faculty recruitment and retention, faculty benefits, student scholarships and other College priorities, while ensuring the College's future financial health.

Gifts toward the Arrington Challenge will be accepted through June 30, 1999. For more information, please contact Monecia Naggs, director of development, at (540) 654-1024.

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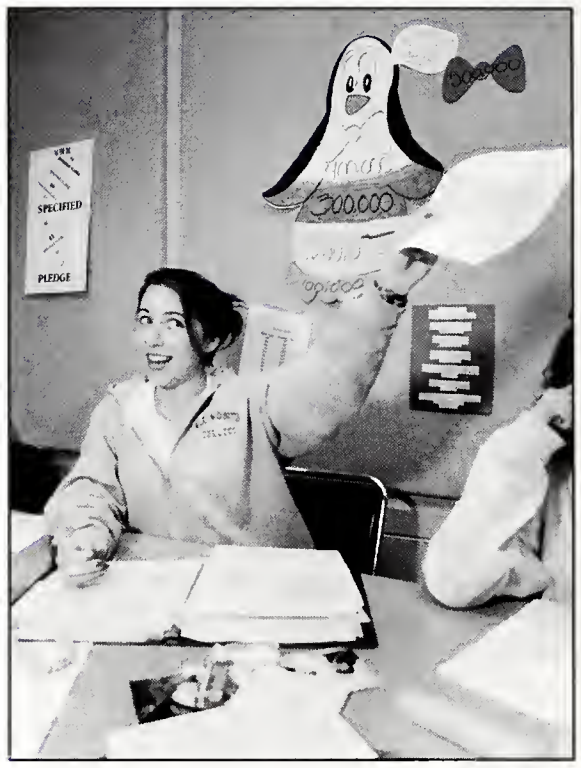


FUN PHONATHON FACTS

Phonathon callers consumed:

170 pounds of candy
1,020 cans of soda
(and gallons of water)
1,208 slices of pizza

Phonathon calling stats:

195 student callers
34,420 attempted calls
143.5 calling hours

RESULTS — SUCCESS!!!

4,087 Arrington Challenge pledges
(a 70 percent increase)
5,915 total pledge commitments
$435,035 dollars pledged

"The Response Has Been Tremendous!"

Beverly Janice Holt '69

Alum Receives Broadcasting Award

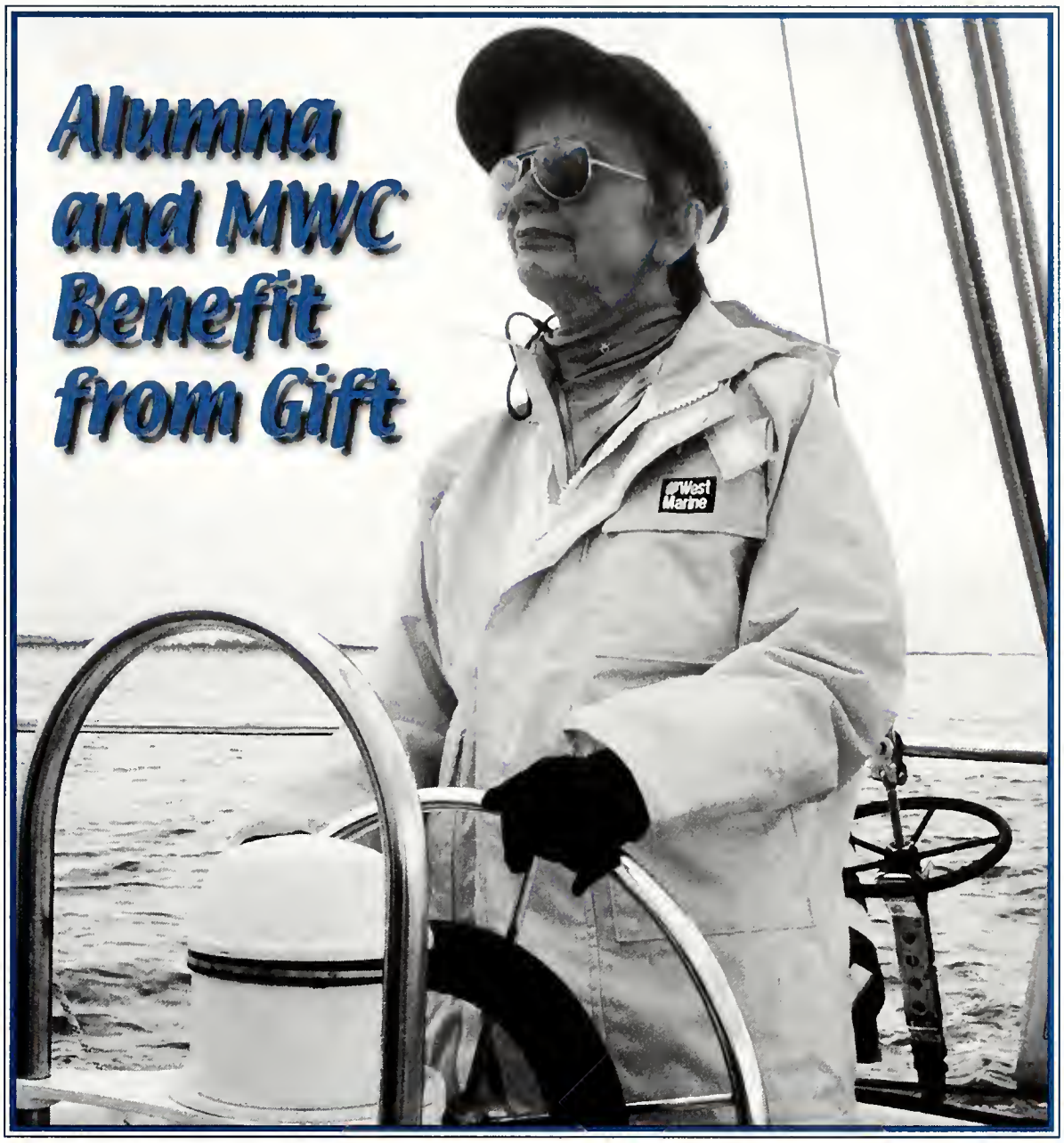
Beverly Janice Holt '69 has received the Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters (NCAB). The award was presented during the association's October 1998 meeting in Asheville.

Beverly is general manager of Capitol Networks, Capitol Broadcasting's news and agribusiness networks. She has been a member of the NCAB Board of Directors since 1995 and served on numerous association committees. She was pivotal in bringing together the association's 50th anniversary convention in 1997.

The award is given for outstanding service to or on behalf of NCAB and may be given to persons either within or retired from the broadcast industry.

Emmy Nomination

Chris Bonner '89 was nominated for an Emmy Award for "Outstanding Special Class Writing" for his work on VH1's "Pop-up Video." Chris is now developing other shows, and the person who replaces him on "Pop-up Video" is 1990's grad, Kristen Erwin Rutherford. Chris says both he and Kristen have shared many show-biz adventures.



Alumna and MWC Benefit from Gift

BY VALERIE SCHULTHEISS KURAMOTO

Erma Whitaker Henry Bockhoven '49 is looking forward to celebrating her 50th reunion in June. Upon this occasion, she has taken some time to reflect on how her Mary Washington College experience has helped shape her life over the past half-century.

Erma started by recalling the caring professors and their families who took a personal interest in the students' lives. She remembered the many friendships that she developed during her time on campus. She particularly noted the opportunity that her time at Mary Washington presented for meeting people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds and how profoundly that expanded her view of the world. In looking back, Erma says, "My undergraduate years really were a significant bridge from adolescence to adulthood."

Transforming experiences, such as an MWC education, are the keys to future happiness as far as Erma is concerned. That is why she chose to support the College through the establishment of a charitable remainder trust. "The charitable remainder trust was the number one choice for me because it allowed me to make a substantial gift and offered me a tax deduction. It also allowed me to use appreciated property to fund the trust while that property's value was high, which provided even greater tax advantages," she noted.

Erma is using part of the income stream from her charitable remainder trust to create education funds for her grandchildren, so they can enjoy a life-enhancing experience such as she had at Mary Washington. Erma also uses some of the income to provide current gifts to MWC. And when the trust principal eventually comes to the College, Erma would like it to provide support for faculty salaries. Erma sums it up by saying, "Creating a charitable remainder trust at Mary Washington has allowed me to make important giving decisions during my lifetime. I like having control of those decisions now."

Valerie Schultheiss Kuramoto is director of planned and leadership giving. She can be reached at (540)654-2061 or toll-free at 1-888-692-0004.

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

Greetings!

I have written in the past about the Alumni Association's many responsibilities and WHO we are as an organization. Perhaps just as important is the WHY of the Alumni Association, and our mission statement says it best:

The purpose of the Mary Washington College Alumni Association is to promote the welfare and support the mission of Mary Washington College, to encourage an enduring relationship with the College by deepening alumni and student loyalty, and to develop and strengthen the bonds of mutual interest within the College community.

What does this really mean? It means getting involved and staying informed.

We sponsored a wide variety of events recently to keep you involved and informed. We went to the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk. We held a happy hour in Richmond. Dr. Bulent I. Atalay, professor of physics, spoke to the Peninsula, Tidewater and Colgate Darden Chapters. Dr. Somma, director of the MWC Galleries, spoke to alumni in Roanoke. David Berreth, director of Belmont, gave a presentation in Norfolk. We held luncheons in Suffolk and Virginia Beach. We held events in Charlotte, N.C., and Columbia, S.C. Working with the Office of Career Services, we sponsored a career networking reception in Northern Virginia to offer our job insights to graduating seniors. The Fredericksburg Chapter stayed busy with breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, Crab Feast and, of course, baking cakes and selling survival kits for the students.

Dr. Anderson graciously agreed to address alumni at events in Richmond, Baltimore, Northern Virginia and Winchester. All four were well attended.

The culmination of all this was Reunion Weekend. I always enjoy seeing everyone have so much fun reconnecting with old friends, telling stories of the way it was and marveling over our ever-beautiful campus.

It couldn't be easier to stay informed now that our link to the MWC Website is up and running. Visit the MWC site at http://www.mwc.edu. There is so much information available — from press releases to athletic schedules to admissions information to alumni events.

Our Board of Directors had a busy year with further planning of the Washington Scholars program, awards selection, Distinguished Graduate in Residence, and Board of Visitors nominations. It has been an exciting year for the Alumni Association and Mary Washington College.

As the College begins the re-accreditation process and possible transition towards university affiliation, we will have the opportunity to be involved and active participants. I look forward to speaking with any of you on this issue and regard it as my personal responsibility to keep you informed.

Involved and informed: that is what we ask of you, the alumni. Check out the Website, update our records about you, and send in nominations or resumés for Board of Visitors members and award recipients. Participate in regional events, respond to your class agents, attend Reunion and Homecoming, and support the Alumni Fund.

Tara C. Corrigall '82

Two Memorial Scholarships Established

The Board of Visitors recently established scholarships in memory of two MWC alumni who perished while in service to the United States: David A. Hawkens and Meredith C. Loughran.

In its resolutions, the Board expressed "admiration for the characteristics embodied in the life of David A. Hawkens '82, whose vibrant personality brightened the lives of all who knew him, and who, as a captain in the United States Air Force, demonstrated exemplary patriotism prior to his untimely death in August 1995, while piloting a reconnaissance jet in support of the NATO mission in Bosnia." And the Board expressed "admiration for the characteristics exemplified in the life of Meredith C. Loughran '94, both as a Dean's List student at the College and subsequently as a lieutenant j.g. in the United States Navy until her untimely death in November 1998, while patriotically serving her country as a jet navigator aboard the *USS Enterprise*."

Alumni Give Career Advice

On a bright, cold Sunday afternoon in late February, MWC alumni in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area gathered at the Holiday Inn in Arlington to share career advice and experience with MWC seniors. Co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Office of Career Services, this inaugural networking reception attracted alumni from a variety of professions and provided students with an opportunity to get to know alumni while gaining valuable perspective on the job market.

Scott Allen '95 works for SPOT Image Corporation as a remote sensing/GIS specialist and was an enthusiastic participant in the program. "I think this event was long overdue," he said. "Bringing Career Services and alums together is a great way to take advantage of MWC's growing alumni base. Frankly, I'd like to see it expanded to the underclassmen as well, since I found myself giving a lot of advice about what specific classes would help in certain situations. I know I would have really appreciated an opportunity like this when I was an undergrad. An interesting byproduct of the event was the opportunity to meet other alums in my field. Even if I hadn't spoken with any current students, I enjoyed meeting these other alums and talking about our industry."

With similar positive responses from alumni and students alike, plans are already underway to repeat this program next year and possibly expand it to other locations.

Class Notes

Devil Notes

1931

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In 1996 I drove to MWC for our 65th reunion. I've made four trips to Europe since then. Each one was priceless in the enjoyment, learning and reminiscence. I took each of these journeys alone and found out how easy it is if you make up your mind and say "Yes, I know I can."

Was it R.L.S. who said, "The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings (or queens)."

Well, I had a most unusual experience in January, which made me feel as happy as a queen. I had already sold my house, and I was visiting an apartment with an option to buy. The list of names in nearby apartments contained a name that brought to mind my first day at MWC. Excitedly, I inquired at the office and found one of my first roommates at MWC. It seems incredible, but the person was "Jersey." Everyone on campus knew the sweet and friendly girl from New Jersey — **Felicia Feinswog** '28. She, **Margaret "Skinny" Reinhardt McKenry** and I roomed together. You may remember Jersey in our college plays. She was great in one show, singing "When Francis Dances With Me." Jersey is a retired school principal who just had her 90th birthday and is as friendly and as jovial as ever.

Christmas brought me my bird Christmas card from **Anne Ratcliffe Webb**. This year's card was ever so unique! I was sorry to hear that Anne lost her dog, Baxter, but I am sure Carey is giving her pleasurable moments. How Anne regulates her "clock" I do not know. She seems to fit more activity day-to-day than anyone can ever imagine. I'm sure she did well at her silent auction for Soroptimist International of Alexandria, along with all her other organizations. She must be a great fund raiser. Is this a good time to remind our Class of '31 to contribute to the annual fund? We have done quite well through the years. Sorry I could not be with you at the last reunion. My eyes are failing rapidly, and I do not drive. Nonetheless, Felicia and I are waiting to carry out a seedling thought of taking a limousine down for 1999. We shall see!

Mable McGinniss Crismond and **Virginia Webb** are the good old standby alumnae who helped me to write my notes for this issue of *MWC Today*. Mabel is another busy classmate who is a great traveler. Mabel's lovely Christmas card and her letter were most welcome. She and her sister belong to Elderhostel. Mabel also sent me "snaps" she had taken at our 65th reunion. She looks years younger than most of us. She and Virginia know the secret is to keep motivated and active.

I also received a Christmas card from classmate **Emily Reed Dowling**. She wrote that her sister, **Marian Reed Watts**, was not feeling too well. We all love Marian and wish her the best of health. Emily's house was struck by lightning in October. Emily says she is thankful it was not worse.

Please send your notes to my new address. I do want to hear from you. Good luck, God bless.

1933

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I did not make it to our 60th, nor did any other member of the class. I was unable to drive due to a scheduled cataract operation. Thankfully, such are routine now, and my vision is good enough so that I drive without glasses.

I heard at Christmas from **Jessie Crockett Hopkins**, who sounds like she has produced a family of athletes. Many star in football, but one is a musician. Jessie always sends a rhyming poem — I enjoy it thoroughly, as it is also my forte.

Skippy Milstead Goodwin writes that she and George are always busy with committees. George is particularly partial to W&L birthday celebrations — they are preparing for the 250th. Her family is well. The only granddaughter is at Stanford. She and I share a wide diversity in grandchildren as far as age is concerned.

Mary Jack Clary Brooks was spared the destruction wreaked by two hurricanes. She and daughter Julie visited Paris to see Elizabeth and her family. Elizabeth returned the visit later in the year.

Alice Rife Wilson writes that her family and grandchildren are doing well. **Thornie Crocket Porter** is the only one who mentioned great-grandchildren, though I am sure there are others who have them. **Dot Ballance Skinner** called to tell me of the death of **Mary Kettenbeck Gademan**. I had talked with her before her move to Georgia to be with daughter Paulanne.

I attended the graveside service of Eileen Dodd. For me, it was certainly the end of an era, though Dr. Alvey survives. I will miss my visits to Doddswood and the associations it brought. As Dr. Shankle would say, "Chickety Flute, Sisters." Hang in there.

1939

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Hello again to all you '39ers, with my sincere thanks to each one who took time to write. It is such a big help! This job is easy when you fill my mailbox, but it does become difficult when I hear from only one or two.

By the time you read this report several things will have happened — another letter from me to you and our 60th reunion. I shall be grateful for your active response to each event.

Some of us celebrated the big 80 in 1998. According to **Irene Lundy Brown**, her party was a fabulous surprise given by her children. **Miriam Boyer Parsons** and husband George each celebrated their 80th birthdays at favorite restaurants on the beach with family and dear friends. **Elizabeth Clopton Brown** and her husband also had separate parties given by their children. Mine was a family affair at my favorite restaurant, with brother John from Columbia, S.C., son John and grandson Erik from Winston-Salem, N.C., and sister Mary B. from Charlottesville joining us Richmonders — daughter Margaret, granddaughter Kerrie and me. I vacillate between not believing I am 80 years old and unable to deny it.

Glennis Powers Thomas' husband, Holmes, was honored by their children on his 90th birthday with a party and a video of his life. Ninety years is quite an achievement. Glennis and Holmes moved to a small apartment in Shenandoah Westminster Center when keeping up their home became too stressful. Their son, Powers, and his wife are buying the home place in Round Hill, keeping it in the family.

Others who have moved to retirement communities recently are **Kathryn Nicholas Winslow, Dorothy Diehl Denton** and **Dorothy "Dolly" Falconer McGuirt**. Kathryn sees these '39ers and plans to get them and others who live in the Tidewater area together soon. It will be difficult for anyone to catch Kathryn — she's a traveling lady.

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It's great to hear from all of you. Keep it up!

Lois Loehr Brown enjoyed a cruise to Acapulco, the Panama Canal and islands in the Caribbean. She is active with the Fairfax County Retired Educators as remembrance chairman and is a member of the FCRE ad hoc committee for the improvement and protection of the Virginia retirement system benefits. She is also a volunteer at Inova Fairfax Hospital in the chaplaincy program. She has two college-age grandchildren and one in high school.

Jane Rocap Lewis nursed her husband through a sextuple bypass. He is doing very well. They enjoyed a wonderful trip on the Rhine River and another to Valley Forge for her husband's World War II ship reunion.

"Greetings from Big Stone Gap!" writes **Evelyn Lane Whitt**. Her family consists of three sons, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She taught business education for 39 years. She is now busy with several associations. She and her husband are not very well — but she sounds very courageous.

Eva Catafygiotu **Topping** has written copiously concerning Greek culture (Philhellene) and Greek-American studies — five books and a series of articles on Greek-American relationships. Her work in this area has made an important contribution to this discipline. She said that the important news is an expected grandchild, their first, who will be given her Greek name, Vasiliki.

A note from **Lenore Magill Grimwood** relates stories of her many travels — lately, to British Columbia and a Rocky Mountaineer train trip from Vancouver to Banff. She also enjoyed a Shakesperean play at Stratford-upon-Avon.

"Life has become routine," writes **Marguerite Jennings Helbush**, "filled with much eating out, bridge playing and going to concerts, plays, etc." She manages to write a monthly letter to friends and sees many of them often.

Phyllis Bancroft Meyer called from Delray Beach, Fla. She was happy to announce that she and husband Eric have one son and two grandchildren. She is not well, suffering with Parkinson's disease, and has had a triple bypass. However, she and her husband continue their work as realtors.

Rhea James Dodge wrote that she had met with a freshman roommate from 1937-38, **Helen Barrow** from Disputanta. What a great surprise! Rhea saw another freshman friend, **Margaret Bagley**, who had recently married again.

Send me a Christmas (or other) card and line of news? Have a good year.

1943

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From Dorabelle:

Hilda Holloway Law had a hip replacement. She is still relatively active and is interested in her garden club, book club and her church. **Bertha Dickinson Taylor** stayed with Hilda after her surgery for two Wednesdays. Bertha also said that Lisle, her husband, is on oxygen 24 hours a day, but he still teaches a Sunday school class! Bertha is active in her church, sings with the Swinging Singers (a senior choral group), does volunteer work at her church, plays in two bridge groups and enjoys her children and grandchildren's visits.

Alice Glazebrook Gilleece wrote of **Billie Morris Lidner**'s husband's death in August 1997. At the time, her mother and husband were both in the same nursing home in Ocala, Fla.

Anne Mason Gall still lives in Anaheim, Calif. **Beulah Spain Harrison** writes a note or calls occasionally. She enjoys Bible studies, her children and grandchildren. Linda, her daughter, lives in West Virginia. She has two children and teaches in a college. Son Mark lives in Hopewell.

She and I both have given up our choir work. We were always involved in music and singing — but there comes a time to just enjoy listening to the choir and good music on TV, radio and tapes.

Virginia Johnson Kisner wrote a beautiful Christmas letter. She and Frank are active in their church and enjoy traveling and visits from family and friends. She was one of six class members to attend our 55th reunion. Her roommate and friend, **Mary Wallace Farr**, visited her, and they attended the reunion together.

Peggy Moran Logan reported that she and Dick had their 50th wedding anniversary while attending a family reunion at Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado. They had a marvelous time with many relatives and friends. Peggy wrote that Dick had a heart attack while on a river cruise aboard the *Delta Queen* when docking at Cincinnatti. He was rushed to a hospital and, fortunately, is doing well. Peg said, "He will have to be a little more careful and exercise." They live in a retirement apartment in San Diego, Calif.

Mamie Stahle Allen is well and quite active. She and Lee went to Birmingham, Ala., for their annual visit with Lee's daughter and family. For the Christmas holiday they were in Midlothian with Mamie's son, Craig, and his family. Son Bill lives in Richmond, so they were all together for Christmas Day — great fun with five grandchildren. Mamie enjoys her Peninsula Fine Arts Guild, symphony guild, garden club, and occasional luncheons and bridge groups.

I am reasonably well. I have a back problem which hampers activity, but I stay busy. It is a pleasure to knit and crochet for my church's building group to sell. Also, I enjoy occasional bridge games and visits from my immediate family, as they all live nearby. I have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren living in my hometown. Having taught school here, I am surrounded by many relatives and friends, which make my life full and pleasant.

1945

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Priscilla Wilson Ashton wrote a note in memory of **Margaret "Peg" Lerch Korbesmeyer**: "I fondly recall Peg, my first college roommate, a gal from White Plains, N.Y., a place about 50 miles down the pike from my hometown of Westport, Conn. Thus began the association of Peg and Pris at MWC in the fall trimester of 1941. We commenced on the trials and tribulations of college life — the struggles to adjust to the Blue Book frosh ruler, the restrictions of campus life, the letters from home, the boxes of goodies, and the scorched laundry from the College facilities. Of course we, the Class of '45 females, never flirted with a campus date! We never wore tennis shorts near the members of the Yankee Division from A.P. Hill, Bowling Green, Va. The only time we college frosh spoke to a male, officer or enlisted man, was to say to a potential date, 'Sir, I am forbidden to acknowledge you, I'd become compromised.'

Yeah man, we shared the trials of the early years at MWC. This classmate recollects both happy and sad times of 1941-1943 in the Southern town that became a military depot — a hint of a WWII depot."

1947

Georgia Chryssikos Witt
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On behalf of the Class of 1947, I extend our condolences to the family of **Nancy Hite Tucker**, who was our May Queen, and who was still, in the words of **Betty Jo Woodford Bates** '52, who wrote, "She continued to be beautiful all of her life ... physically and spiritually." Nancy was the wife of a country doctor who died in 1978, and she raised two sons and two daughters alone, all of whom graduated from college. Nancy was also very active in her community of Huddleston, Va., and the Mentow Baptist Church. Betty Jo wrote a very moving tribute to Nancy.

Vin Godwin Munford and I talk often. Although Vin and Les have had their share of medical problems recently, they still find time to send a most informative Christmas card. They are both on the mending side now and are especially cheered at the arrival of their daughter Nancy's son, Lucas Munford Bingham, their first grandchild. Lucas' family is back in the U.S. from Denmark for a visit while his father, Harry, teaches a course at UCLA this semester. Vin's other daughters, Barb and Patty, and son Chris were also home for Christmas — home being Basking Ridge, N.J. Vin also reported that **Rachael "Ray" Plante** is doing fine as she recovers from her medical problems.

Rose Trible Mowbray lives in Danville but spends a great deal of time at Smith Mountain Lake. Her good news for this year is the expected arrival of her first granddaughter, to be named Savannah Rose. Congratulations to both Roses!

Betty Fulk Strider of Charlottesville wrote that **Gloria Burns Sasek** teaches at LSU and lives in Baton Rouge, La.

Jean McCausland Lyle and I missed seeing each other at the reunion, but she sent a note and promised to write.

Ruthie Meyer Butler, who lives in Arlington, Texas, wrote about her travels with husband James and of their son and grandson. Ruthie and James seem to have had their share of medical problems but appear to be on the mend. She keeps in touch with **Jocelyn Packard Brown**, **Jane Cleeland Willis**, **Mary Jane Lindenberger Setzer**, **Lou Hair Davies**, **Barbara Hickman Morrow**, **Sue Womer Almond** and **Jean McCausland Lyle** and promises to pass on their news.

As for myself, I have recovered from my knee implant and can walk and play golf without pain. My daughter, Jean, has returned to teaching physical education in Fairfax, Va., schools. Her children, Jamie Lee and Coleman, keep their grandmother young. We all spent Christmas together at my house. My son, Mitchell, recently married his "first mate," Marie-Ellen Little, from England. Their yacht is currently in dry dock at Gloucester, Va., and they live here with me. They expect to return to the Caribbean for the millennium celebration.

A recent letter from **Julia Dooley Overstreet**, who lives in my hometown of Bedford, Va., reminded me of the fact that she, **Dibrill Fulcher Follin** and **Willie Lee Nichols Rose** went through MWC in three years.

Please write or call so I can pass on all the class news. Stay well, all of you!

1949

Anna Dulany Lyons
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June Davis McCormick
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Lucy Vance Gilmer spent Thanksgiving in Michigan and the holidays in Puerto Rico. **Sarah-Kathryn Hater Helton**'s family are all in good health. **Marion "Windy" Selfe Kelly** wrote from Bristol that she and George would not be with us in June, as they plan to attend the annual reunion of the U. of Quebec group, who planned to meet the same weekend. They had their family gathering at Natural Bridge last year, spending Thanksgiving together in the grand old hotel there. Marion and George also had two fun trips last year, one for the reunion of their U. of Quebec class and, later, to France for their first international Elderhostel. She said that was their best trip ever and believes Elderhostel is "worth getting old for."

Barbara Watson Barden and Bob under-

went emotional extremes during trips to New England last fall. In October they happily viewed their new granddaughter, son Jeff's first-born, and sadly, in November, attended the funeral of Barbara's 91-year-old mother. She lived in recent years with Barbara's brother in Newport, R.I. Barbara returned to Lancaster to resume her busy schedule — teaching dance in her home studio and continuing choreography for various community and school programs.

Charlottesville gained another of our classmates in August when **Mary Elwang Sharpley** left her Locust Grove home to take up residence in a retirement home. Mary said she has a lovely apartment and especially enjoys the advantages of an indoor pool. **Jeanne Farrington Leslie** came from Pennsylvania to join Mary in attending a conference at The Cove, Dr. Billy Graham's retreat east of Ashville, N.C. Mary said she and Jeanne had a grand learning time together and hopes that Jeanne's husband, Mike, might join them in a return to The Cove this fall.

Pat Bradshaw Button resides in Warrenton, Ore. In noting the passage of 50 years since MWC, she said it really doesn't seem so long ago until she tries to move about. Pat passed along news of her dear friend, **Vi Wells Shipley**, who had been to Oregon twice to see Pat and take their painting trips together. In fall '97, they went to Mt. Hood and Crater Lake, where the first snowfall of the year left the anticipated scenery in a white-out. They then headed for and painted along the Oregon coast. Last year, Vi visited in July and the two artists toured the San Juan Islands, ferried to Vancouver, toured Victoria, then circled back through the Northern Cascades and returned to the Oregon coast. Sadly, Pat lost her middle son, Roger, to ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, last September. Our heartfelt sympathy was extended to Pat on behalf of her caring classmates.

The list of "lost classmates" included with early reunion info from the Alumni Association drew some response and information. **Betty Purnell Logan** wrote from her home in New Castle, Del., that the last she had heard, **Pat Hough Koop** was married to a minister and lives in Petersburg, Va. **Virginia Lee White** wrote that **Josephine "Jo" Wilson Hiers** lives in Williamsburg, Va. **Andi Dulany Lyons** ran into **Betty Lou Shelhorse Rogers** at the funeral of Betty Lou's brother-in-law. Ken Rogers and his wife had been friends of Andi's when she lived in Charlottesville. Betty Lou lives in Locust Grove, just outside of Fredericksburg.

Louise Leduc Zierzow '66 was perusing *MWC Today*, noted Andi's name as one of our class agents and wrote to tell of **Marjorie Van Deventer Owens**, who lives in Bethel, Conn., where she has been a successful cookbook columnist since 1972 for the *Danbury News-Times*. She has interviewed various people in their area, writing about their lives, hopes and dreams. She said, "I don't really write about food, I write about people." Her husband, Warren, has been a writer, a sculptor, a painter and had his own public relations firm for 40 years. They have three children and four grands. As they travel widely and have a second home in Florida, Marjorie finds people to interview wherever she is. After later meeting for lunch, Louise became a subject for Marjorie's column. Louise, her husband and two daughters live in Sandy Hook, Conn.

Andi saw **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** at the Rockbridge County Ballet Corps' Christmas concert in Lexington, Va., where Andi's granddaughter, Chelsea, and Betty Bond's grandniece were both dancing. B.B. said some of her children and some of Lee's were joining them for Christmas. Four fast friends convened for their annual mini-reunion last fall in Concord, N.C., where **Jane Yeatman Spangler** and Bob welcomed B.B. and Lee, **Dottie Booker Pinkkham** and Dave, and **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexan** and Fred for the weekend. In her holiday card, B.B. said that she expected to have a new hip in place by our reunion, that she'd been trying to schedule it for six months and something more urgent always came along. She noted that Lee had surgery for an abdominal aortal aneurysm, but was doing well. B.B. expected her third grandchild in January. She said both daughters, Cathy and Anne, are on the move, with Anne and company moving to Lexington and Cathy moving from Florida to Virginia in the spring. B.B. added that she thought they were "coming home to roost to look after me in my old age!"

Andi and Keith also had a year of contrasts and concerns, calling 1998 not their best! Keith had three small strokes and seizures over the course of the year. And then last fall he had a pacemaker implanted. Andi also said, "Keith is a really tough old dude" who bounces back from each medical scare. Andi underwent a li'l hemstitching herself, which she termed "a medical nuisance." The death of her dear stepsister after a four-year battle with cancer caused Andi further pain, as did the same diagnosis recently for her other stepsister. Then, after hosting some 29 people over a fall weekend for the state cross-country track meet, and a mini-family reunion, an automobile accident involved son Scott, his wife, Missy, and children Drew and Erin. While each suffered injuries, Erin was so badly hurt that she was taken to the U.Va. Medical Center for emergency surgery. Andi added that Erin had just been released from the hospital and was on the road to recovery. Happily, Andi's Bunny book, *Tales from the Brush Pile*, was released in time for holiday purchases.

In early November, Andi joined **Ann Michael Sturgeon** at MWC for a brief planning session for all reunion classes. Andi and Ann regaled reps from other classes, obviously younger, with reports of the reign of Mrs. Bushnell, rules and regulations of 50 years ago, and the fun our class generated at our reunions. Ann and Fish spent the winter months in Florida.

Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook's four daughters are well. Diana has certification in medical writing/editing, accreditation as a business communicator and is coordinator of corporate communications at the VA Health Quality Center. Donna has a new home in Richmond's West End and has traveled in the Caribbean and Bahamas. Dawn continues acting/directing in regional theaters, had the lead in a production of "Damn Yankees," was in a new play called "Oh, Oh, It's Christmas!" and presented her one-woman show "Zelda" at Randolph-Macon Women's College. Her husband wrote and directed the music for Valerie Harper's one-woman show about Pearl Buck, which premiered at the same college and was preparing for Broadway. Denise works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida, where she and husband Wayne reside. And Roland continues doing good things for many people through his volunteer work.

Elva Tate Hasher wrote from Mechanicsville to say that she has now reached the stage of hating to drive, which she'd never thought possible. Elva couldn't take Conway home from his nursing facility for Christmas, as planned, due to the massive ice storm which enveloped Richmond and environs from Christmas Eve throughout the week. Power outages were rampant over much of eastern Virginia as well as other areas. Elva also sent an article from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* raising the possibility of a pending name change for MWC, which has "stirred up a hornet's nest of major proportions." Shades of '85, here we go again!

While **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** and Howard's holiday card was another original, Blackie didn't compose her usual poem to which we'd looked forward. Blackie was one of 200 delegates attending the two-day AKC convention in St. Louis last June. She and **June Davis McCormick** enjoyed catching up during dinner the night of her arrival. After the convention, in a mad dash into the city, Blackie and a few other delegates barely made a late tour of the Anheuser-Busch brewery, and Blackie got to see the Clydesdales housed there. **Corinne "Connie" Conley Stuart** called June to report that **Jane Batterfeld Meyerdierks** had moved from Warwick, N.Y., to Sapphire, N.C. In December, Connie and Bonar finally returned to St. Louis to spend Christmas with son Curtis and family. Connie suffered a bout of laryngitis which threatened to scuttle a luncheon meeting with June. However, antibiotics helped Connie recoup in time for the family to take in a production of "A Little Night Music," and to keep the luncheon date the following day. The talk-fest passed too quickly. Connie told of the most recent mini-reunion last summer when she and Bonar hosted **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and Bill, **Betsy Thorne Bultman** and Phelps and **Primm Turner ffrench** and John at their vacation home north of Toronto.

The Stuart's son Curtis and wife Heidi are both teachers in the St. Louis school system. Granddaughter Elsa Corinne (Connie's namesake) is 6 and grandson Francis is 3. Son Tony, who lives in Los Angeles, recently was named one of the top 10 lawyers in California. June had the opportunity to meet both Bonar and Curtis before Connie dashed off with them for some shopping at Plaza Frontenac. With the remaining days of their short stay well-scheduled, the two classmates had only a brief phone chat before Connie and Bonar flew back to Toronto. They were only a giant step ahead of the severe ice storm which shut down Lambert and other Midwestern airports for several nights into the new year.

We hope that many of us meet again in our golden year, proving to one and all that the Fabulous Forty-Niners continue to be loyal to MWC and each other.

1951

Roselyn Bell Morris
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I think my yearly postcard is paying off!

Sarah Mount Blazevic and David moved to Sun Lakes, Ariz., in late 1998. **Dot Kinsey Richardson**, who is doing fine, wrote that **Marge Erickson Hoffman** and Ben paid them a surprise visit. The Hoffmans live in Alaska, about 50 miles northwest of Valdes. Their three children are settled in Vermont. I understand Marge and Ben are living an interesting lifestyle. **Cynthia Medley England** is doing well and was planning a tour. Dot also wrote that her son-in-law, Rick Ray, was going to lecture on the "Lost World," dealing with Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Syria, at National Geographic.

Hester Holland King has lunch occasionally with **Audrey Crittenden Burrell**, who lives in Owens, Va. Hester gave me a rundown on her life since college. She was a stay-at-home mom, raised three children, lived four years in Alaska (before statehood), and Georgia, South Carolina and Germany for three years. She traveled all over Austria and Italy during 20 years with the Army. Widowed in '78, she remarried in '84 to her husband's best friend. They enjoy traveling in their motor home. They have a combined family of eight children, 24 grandchildren and

seven great-grandchildren. Hester also writes that she doubts she'll be able to attend our reunion, as she has suffered from post-polio syndrome and arthritis for years and gets less and less mobile.

Jane Zeigler Lifsey and her husband are well, except for asthma and osteoporosis, and usually go abroad once a year. They have visited Greece, Central Europe, England, etc., and in between trips they see their two children and six grandchildren. Jane still likes classical music, sewing, reading and genealogy research. She told me that **Dot Gravatt Hunter** lost her brother, John, and sister-in-law about a year ago. Jane got this information from **Jo Downs**, who, incidentally, wrote Jane saying she was well. She goes on nature hikes near Austin and on bird-watching expeditions — one in Mexico. Jane also sent me a photo from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* of **Elizabeth "Bunny" Bunnell Bauder**, who was this year's Richmond Christmas Mother.

Lois Feagans Cobbs is doing nicely, considering her health problems. Her family had a reunion last summer during the time they had a big wedding.

Lorraine Frantz Foulds wrote that it had been a good year for her family. Their son, Eliot, and Diane were married in June. He is with the National Park Service. Son Carter Bruce and Carol and boys moved to Winchester, Va. Daughter Susan has become a "first-time home buyer." They have been visited by old friends, visited in North Carolina, been to weddings, parties, birthday parties, anniversary parties, etc. Fritz was hit hard from behind at a stop-light and has spent some time with therapists as a result. **Glorianna Howell Gibbon** and John spent several days with them in August while on their way to Virginia Beach to see their daughter.

Anne Zirpel Josefy and family have had another good year — happy, busy and for the most part healthy. She finds retirement most enjoyable and says that the aging process hasn't slowed her down. She got two new knees in '98, but they really haven't improved her golf game nor did the new ones make the swing worse. They have five children. Sharon and husband David have four children and live in Amarillo, Texas. Richard and wife Kathy have six children. Daughter Sara lives in Lubbock, Texas, teaches history and coaches girls' athletics in junior high school. Mary and Clifford have a son, Dillon. Daughter Martha teaches two classes to freshmen at Texas A&M. She also supervises a student mentor program and is counselor for a cadet band unit.

Ruth DeMiller Hill sent a very newsy letter about classmates. She had a short but good visit with **Betsy Fletcher Adams** and Bill, who were en route to a funeral and stopped by on the way. Their four daughters are scattered around the country. Daughter Jenny had a baby boy in October. Bill is still doing consulting and is busy with a computer class, while Betsy continues to care for daughter Leslie's son.

Winnie Horton Brock and Ted have just been presented with the first Brock-named grandchild — Dillon Aubrey Brock arrived in November. Since son Aubrey lives close by, they will be able to see the baby often. Youngest daughter, Sherri, is home on leave from her Christian work in Russia. The other four daughters are busy with careers and raising children. We are all thankful that Winnie's progression of Parkinson's disease is very slow.

Ann Penney Ross wrote of her trip with an Elderhostel group to Utah, where they heard the Mormon choir. She visited MWC in September and thought the campus was beautiful. She still lives in Rhode Island. As of this writing she is on an Elderhostel trip to Belize.

Elizabeth "Fritzie" Fitzgerald Braden worked all summer in her flower garden. She was shocked to find that deer ate rosebuds. Husband Moose had a vegetable garden, and he, too, was battling nature's creatures to preserve it. Fritzie had such a clever idea: she enclosed a tea bag in her card and letter. Ruth was told to brew the tea and drink it while reading her letter.

Dot Kinsey Richardson and husband Harvey wrote of the activities of four daughters and grandchildren. Her family is scattered all over the U.S. The California crowd was thrilled with the snow during the holidays. Dot wrote of a great visit from **Marg Erickson Hoffman**, who lives in Alaska, but was visiting the home of her husband's father and dropped by to see Dot and family.

Ruth's big news is that she is a grandmother for the seventh time. The news is big because son Toff is 44 and his wife, Joni, is 43. Faith Rose arrived in November 1998, two days after her six-foot brother turned 15. Ruth's collie dog, Scout, keeps her busy and healthy, since she walks him several times daily. She and Duke have been going together for five years.

Ruth heard from two Nancys in the 1952 class. **Nancy Gass** still works for H&R Block part time, and in the off-season she teaches. She still lives in the St. Louis area. **Nancy Stump Motley** from Roanoke, Va., wrote that she and Ken are selling their big house and building three townhouses, one of which they will occupy.

Natalie Klein '48, Ruth's senior hostess when she was a freshman, wrote to Ruth from Falls Church, Va., that she is fine.

Thanks so much to all of you for our news. Keep it coming. Remember 2001!

1953

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From Barbara:

Since retiring in 1996, **Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenshain** has been enjoying her second career of writing for children. She feels very fortunate to have had some wonderful performances of her plays and her opera for children. She recently completed another opera for children which will be produced by RU's opera ensemble in the fall. Kitty and her mother often enjoy mother-daughter lunches with **Patricia Saunders** and her mother.

Kitty adds that **Virginia "Ginny" Poole Kinniburgh** has been a wonderful help in critiquing her work and a great support. Ginny and husband John enjoy having Catherine, Mark, Annie, Mary, Charlie and Sarah just 10 minutes away from them. The family returned from England last summer; Mark is stationed at the Pentagon. Ginny, of course, is teaching the four grandchildren the piano. Ginny and John also enjoy visiting their other family: Jill, Stuart, John II and Rachel in Grand Haven, Mich.

Peggy Hopkins Johnson and **Doris Lindsey Whitfield** see one another often. Doris continues to stay active in environmental issues. Sometime after reunion, Peggy became well acquainted with Murphy's law when a string of health problems began with a backward fall while playing tennis. While working her way back to good health, Peggy managed a trip to Kentucky for the Breeder's Cup Races. Once there, she very much enjoyed her stay. She also reported that she was in good health again.

Hal and I enjoyed a trip to Barstow, Calif., to welcome twin grandchildren, James and Barbara, to our daughter Lida and son-in-law Mark. Denny is very proud to be the older brother. While there, José and **Charlotte** stopped by briefly on their way to Northern California to visit daughter Patty and family. José brought us some of his fabulous organic orchard oranges, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Our next stop was at Steamboat Springs, Colo., where we visited with our son, Herald, and family. Hal and I also enjoyed a luncheon visit with **Deigh Renn Simpson** when we were heading southeast and she was heading northwest. We actually managed to intersect within minutes of one another.

1955

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher
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What a chock-full year was '98 for the Fishers! Four big garden shows (one in London), a trip to the Baltic aboard the *Rotterdam* with a group led by G. Gordon Liddy, and our annual trip to NYC to the Metropolitan Opera. The highlight of '98 for me was being asked to join the advisory council of the American Horticultural Society. My first meeting was at AHS headquarters, George Washington's "River Farm," where I met hort-luminaries, Dr. Marc Cathy, who authored every gardener's bible, the *Hardiness and Heat Zone Maps*, and K.M. Warner, the woman in charge of all the landscaping at Disney World, where the January '99 meeting was held.

Carol Ault Cheape said that after all these years in Hawaii, she and Douglas are considering moving to the mainland, probably the West Coast where they have family. Carol transferred from MWC to U.Va. and in '53 married her high-school sweetheart, an ex-Marine. Douglas is now retired from the sugar industry. Carol got her master's in special education and finished her career as an educational evaluator, testing special needs children. She still does some contract work for them. Carol's three children live in Hawaii and California and among them have produced seven grandchildren.

Anastasia "Buttons" Petro Molitor wrote from Yakima, Wash., that she and husband Dick are retired, and that he built her a studio in their back yard. Buttons (now Ann) had a glorious experience studying Renaissance art in Rome for five weeks last summer. Their oldest son, Richard Jr., is a pharmacist in nearby Seattle; sons Peter with Paramount Studios and Daniel with Disney are both in Los Angeles. Buttons' sister, **Dona Petro Stooksbury**, attended MWC in '56 and '57 and lives in Virginia Beach.

A Christmas card from **Coralyn White McGeehan** displayed her entire clan enjoying the winter in their Vero Beach, Fla., home. **Chris Harper Hovis** and Neil managed a trip to Tucson, Ariz., to see friends and family. A grandchild was due in Feb. '99. **Ceil Valentine** sent a photo of her adorable only grandchild, Miles Carter Reinhart. Young Miles is definitely a hot candidate for our Most Beautiful Grandbaby-1999 contest!

Bee Melillo Shanahan said she and John are having "a blast" in the retirement phase of life, taking turns between their homes in Northport, N.Y., Deerfield Beach, Fla., and their farm in Conn. They had a two-weeks cruise through the western Caribbean, Christmas shopping the entire route.

Eleanor Pollock recently took a Smithsonian tour through the southern provinces of France, taking in gorgeous scenery and learning reams at the evening lectures. She also traveled to the Banff Springs and Lake Louise areas of Canada, the highlight being three days in the Purcell Mountains and hiking at 9,000 feet. Each day they were transported to a new site by helicopter, getting on and off with the rotor blades at full speed. Eleanor said she felt like she was in combat in Vietnam!

From Blanchard, Okla., **Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell** wrote that she is still "on the road," with trips to Myrtle Beach, S.C., Virginia and Pennsylvania, and soon Disney World and Italy! Anne Lou said she isn't retired yet, but is definitely considering cutting back on her hours.

Sally Fan Hanger Moravitz has three grandchildren with the arrival of Nicole Marie. Sally Fan is big on the Elderhostel experience, with a recent trip to Nova Scotia on a very important "mission" — taking pictures on Prince Edward Island. It seems son Brian spent his honeymoon there but lost that roll of film, so Sally and Fran shot them all over again. Now that's a devoted mom! Sally and Fran are off to yet another Elderhostel on San Padre Island, Texas, then a Panama Canal cruise, winding up with an Elderhostel trip in England, Holland and Scotland. Sally adds, "Since no grandchildren are due this year, '99 will be our trip year!"

At a wedding in Williamsburg, Va., I met **Jayne Jones Kent**, who was at MWC until junior year, when she transferred to USC. She retired last year from 32 years of teaching elementary school.

Nancy Shope Armbruster sent a photo of herself and granddaughter Mary in their MWC sweatshirts, awarded to them for winning the '97 Most Beautiful Grandbaby Contest. Nancy visited **Kathy Rozmarynowska Capanna** in Hollywood, and said she "was wonderful" in the lead role of the play, "The Sisters Rosenweig." Last June, Nancy received an advocate's award honoring the work she has done with the New Mexico Faith Communities Against Hate Crimes. She and Joe recently went on an Elderhostel to rural Kenya and had a wonderful time riding around in safari vehicles seeing the wildlife. Both Nancy and Joe have qualified for the National Senior Olympics in Orlando, Fla., Joe in racewalking and Nancy in softball.

Betsy Blackwell Fowler, whose father was a classmate of my father's at the Naval Academy, reports that since retiring from her 20-year career as a young adult librarian, she, too, has become addicted to gardening. She adds landscape design and flower-arranging classes, planning programs for her garden club, and traveling to visit gardens to her busy life. She and Jim took a cruise up the Hudson visiting private gardens. Betsy does volunteer work in Alexandria at the arboretum, her library, church and a homeless shelter. She has also assisted at a Honduran orphanage for several weeks over two summers.

And now, "May I have the envelope, please?" The winner of the Most Beautiful Grandbaby Contest of 1998 is Kia Denham Wassenaar, granddaughter of **Barbara "Dixie" Denham Drivas**. Dixie has homes in Lutz, Fla., and Charlottesville, Va., where Kia lives. Congratulations, ladies!

1957

Ellen Hertz Hewitt
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Jean Durham Busboso sends news of a realized life-long dream with an Elderhostel group — a trip to Spain. She has also been on an extended trip to parts of Nevada and California with husband Buz. **Kathy Wall Rice** heard from **Mary Kate Worthen Whitaker**, who still lives in Alaska. Mary Kate has retired from teaching and has a small knitting business. Her three children have all settled in Alaska, too. Kathy reported that she and Ben are expecting their third grandchild. Son Ben and husband Ben share a medical practice in Petersburg, Va.

Anne Jones Belsha and husband spent more than two weeks in England last summer. They rented a car and traveled the country, staying in B&Bs along the way. They are proud grandparents of a new grandson. Anne tells us that Bob Wise, husband of **Gilmer Chamblin Wise**, died last year. Gilmer, please accept our sincere sympathy. The son of **Meredith Puller Townes** adopted a 20-month-old girl from Thailand in November. Meredith and husband John traveled to Bangkok with their son to pick up the baby. **Erna MacLaughlin Lawrence** and husband Kent live in a condo on Boston's waterfront and love it. Erna still works and commutes to New York several days a week. Her son has established a growing import business. **Libby Field Erwin** visited **Betty Lou Southerland Greer** in Santa Barbara, Calif. Libby's big news was a trip to Denver to her son's wedding. **Betty Ann Rhodes O'Donnell** is now a doctor. Thank you, Anne, for all that news!

Katherine Nelson Richardson reported that **Nancy Hallet Guest** spent a night with the Richardsons in May. They spend part of the year in Albany, N.Y., and part of the year in Vail, Colo. Katherine and her husband, who moved into an "empty nester" home in May, have three grandchildren.

Alma Rowe Jenkins retired from teaching five years ago and now has time to travel. This past year she has rented a villa in France, traveled in England and went on a trip to Holland with classmate and in-law **Anne Wilson Rowe**. **Sara Rudisill Whitten** spends most of her time working in her garden and being with her five grandchildren. Last summer her husband, Jim, won a cruise to the Greek Isles.

Charlie and I experienced our first Elderhostel in Newport, R.I., last summer. We met some very interesting people. We recommend Elderhostel to everyone in good health. They keep you busy! We are in the talking stages of a trip to Greece or Eastern Europe.

Most of this news comes from phone calls that I have made to local Richmond people. Please write. Your classmates want to know what is happening in your life!

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Many wrote on Christmas cards! Christmas Eve found **Lois Gaylord Allen** with six adults, five youngsters, four dogs and a passel of cats, which kept Lois and Howard busy. **Gloria Winslow Borden**'s newsletter was chock full of news. In February, Ed's memorial stone was dedicated at Fort Rosecrans in San Diego. There was also a memorial service at the Naval Academy during homecoming in April. Cynthia married Bob Griffing on July 4th in Dallas at the Arboretum — it was a lovely garden wedding. Gloria has 11 granddaughters — who can beat that?

Celeste Chipman Kaufman and husband Alan spent the first three months of the year at their condo in Vero Beach, Fla. They sold their home in Colorado. Alan is still chairman of the board, but Wall St. Deli is completely Jeff's responsibility these days. Tammie is now Dr. Kaufman, having completed her Ph.D. in historic preservation in tourism at Va. Tech, and she will be a professor at Ole Miss this coming fall. Alan, in his retirement, is the men's golf coach at the U. of Alabama/Birmingham. All five grandchildren are sports enthusiasts, so Grandma attends baseball, basketball, soccer, gymnastics and diving activities in order to support and admire them. She and Alan enjoyed touring the Lewis and Clark territory in Oregon and driving down the coast to San Francisco.

Julia Coates Littlefield and Mo plan to retire next year. However, this year, Mo is still going strong at the LEAD program for Sigma Nu. She and Mo are readying their home for retirement by making several additions, including an expanded kitchen, a formal dining room, and a master bedroom with luxurious bath suite. Scott married Susan Maxwell in Augusta, Ga., in September. They live in Lexington temporarily. Susan works as a dental receptionist while Scott studies computer programming. Bess, Mike and John Henry are still in Richmond. Julia still accompanies Mo on some of his business trips, and they have been all over the U.S. this past year. Besides her part-time job, Julia continues to golf, give tours at the Stonewall Jackson house and sings in the church choir.

Nancy Brewer McCarthy wrote that last Christmas was celebrated at the Outer Banks. She spent almost six months of 1998 with foot problems until the right medicine finally did the trick. In August, she and Bucky had a fantabulous three-week trip to England and Scotland. They went to Paris for one day just for the romance and the trip through the Chunnel.

Barbara Gordon McNamee is in her new home in Williamsburg and is ready for company. Bob plays golf constantly but finds time in his retirement to volunteer one day a week at the community health center and one day at MCV/VCU Dental School. For fun, he takes classes at William and Mary. Barbara has joined him on the golf course except from January to March, when every weekend is spent with her William and Mary synchronized swimming team. Because of her excellent coaching, her team has already been ranked 10th nationally, and she's only been with them one year! This time last year found Barbara and Bob in Australia. New Year's Eve they were at the Sydney Opera House and then went on to Perth for the Synchronized World Championships. Barbara wrote: "Chris is in Annandale doing computer simulations, Rob is in Arlington in their old house, working in Maryland and traveling a lot. Dan is in Denver doing computer systems testing. Brad and Julie bought a house in Townsend, Mass., and are expecting their second son in January. Quinton is very excited about taking care of little brother. Lynn and son Gabe are in Boston, where Lynn works for a PR firm. Howard and Margie are still in California and expect their first child in April. Karen and Kevin, with Brittany and Ryan, are just a few miles down the road in Williamsburg."

Mary Massey and Jack Meiners took a seven-week cross-country trip accompanied by their beagle, Betory. They stopped for an Elderhostel naturalist study week in the hill country and hiked in five states. Last summer found them hiking for a week in Ireland, near Killarney, and in England, in the Cotswolds. This fall they camped and hiked in the national river recreation areas of West Virginia and Tennessee. In fall '99, they plan a cross-country trip and an Appalachian Trail conference for a week in Radford, with more than 1,000 other hikers and trail mountaineers.

Barbara Barndt Miller's horse, Just a Bargain, was AHSA three-gold champion and was honored at the Washington International Horse Show in October. She and Ralph have 21 horses, 45 hounds and are happy to say that fox hunting has been good for them this year. Their daughter, Anne, is still nursing in the ICU at Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philly.

Eleanor Markham Old and Arthur were in D.C. in April for the annual DAR Continental Congress, which she enjoys because it gives her the opportunity to meet with people from all over the world. Arthur has joined the Sons of the Revolution. He still teaches flying and subs at a vocational school. They were in Point Harbor three times this past year. In February, they drank wine from goblets dating from the 1700s that belonged to Arthur's ancestors. Last September,

they attended Arthur's 40th reunion at Va. Tech. Son Jimmy is still a lt. commander and Navy flight officer. He is the operations officer for a training squadron at Pensacola Naval Air Station. October found Eleanor at the state DAR convention in Philly. She spent Thanksgiving with her mother, who has good days and bad days for walking but never turns down a chance to go riding.

Sally Warwick Rayburn and Jim became grandparents again in December. Ginny and John welcomed daughter Sarah to their growing family of Andrew and Samantha. Ginny is a full-time Mom, and John is a contractor. In April the Rayburns toured the Grand Caymans, and May found them in Spain and Portugal. And then they left Labor Day week for Hawaii. Last Christmas, they planned to return to Spain for a close friend's daughter's wedding. Bob's children, Alan and Jackie, are really growing. Steve works very hard at the lab, and Cindy is at day-care school almost every day. Their daughter, Stephanie, is a fifth-grader who loves French and ballet. Dick's daughter, Kelly, is in first grade and is a voracious reader. Jim and Sally have taken up golf.

Phyllis Hartleb Rowly always has the most beautiful picture of her family for her Christmas cards. She won the Pres. Cup Championship at Quail Ridge C.C. Her tennis team also won the Palm Beach County Championship and Sportsmanship Award. She is co-captain and captain of the inter-club golf program and summer tennis league. Again, this year, she officiated at the ladies' and men's golf charity tournament, including the Chris Everett Tennis Classic. She went to Atlanta in May to be with Jay, Kris and Nicholas. She also accompanied him to Barcelona on a business trip. She watched David, her professional golfer son, play in the Erie Open and from there visited friends in Michigan. November found her with Philip, Jean, Phil Jr., Jackson, and new granddaughter, Jennifer. Then away she went to Hawaii.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers lost her mother in October. Don is doing well. **Ann Watkins Steves** and Bob did a lot of traveling last year. In January, they visited daughter Linda, son-in-law Mark and grandchildren Nicole, Megan, and Matthew in Rhode Island. In April they visited son Bruce, Janet and children Sarabeth and Natalee in Florida. Bruce and Janet have a lake behind their house whose environs include exotic birds and alligators plus the kids' turtles, rabbits, cats and chickens. In June, Ann and Bob took a cruise to Alaska with friends, and September found them back in Rhode Island. They also managed to visit their son, Bill, in Vermont. In October, they were in Florida and had a good visit with Ann's mother at Thanksgiving. They spent the holidays in Buenos Aires with Bob's brother and wife. They planned to sail through the Straits of Magellan and up the coast of Chile to Santiago. Son David, his wife, Rhonda, and children, Brittany and Chad, live only a few blocks away. Bob enjoys his computer work and puts in 20 to 25 hours a week consulting for Polatomics. Ann enjoys reading, needlework and church activities.

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas left fifth grade to return to first. Daughter Anastasia and son-in-law Jeremy have not made Ann a grandmother yet. Son Gregory is a licensed paramedic in New York. Brave man! Ann and Spiros were planning to spend last Christmas in Fredericksburg with her family.

Margaret Butterworth Thomas has retired as a high-school guidance counselor and is considering a move to Columbia, S.C., to be closer to her three grandchildren. She loves retirement — has lunch with friends, walks on the beach, and is cleaning out an accumulated clutter of many years.

Priscilla Brown Wardlaw had son Chris home for about six months for R&R. He returned to Tokyo to continue to teach English to Japanese at the Nova Intercultural Institute — he loves it. Rob, her other son, still works for a publishing firm, travels a lot and had just returned from England and France. Pete and Charlie spent a delightful summer at the New Jersey shore with sunrises that were never less than magnificent.

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle plans to attend our reunion with **Gloria Winslow Borden**. Audrey wrote that a new granddaughter was due to arrive in February, thanks to Tom Jr. and wife Jennifer. Audrey and Tom's Jenny has moved to Atlanta.

Beth Shochat Cole is happy with her new job as executive director of the Women's Business Center, which trains women entrepreneurs. She wrote that all her family are in good places in their lives and couldn't say enough about her sweet grandchildren. Cindy's daughter, Alexandria, turned one in October and is laid-back, healthy and happy. Julie, Tom and three kids were all together over Thanksgiving. Charlotte loves to make up imaginary stories, and Grandpa jumps right in. Nick is an honor roll student and all-around athlete. Tanya is also an honor-roll student, and her expertise is playing the piano and clarinet beautifully. Debbie's daughter, Teri, is a gymnast and ranked #2 in the state championship. Grandma loves her sense of humor and energy.

Tene Bing Klar will be writing our reunion booklet, so I hope you sent your current information.

Kay Rowe Hayes divided her 1998 into seasons. Spring was gorgeous, and her rock garden showed off for Easter. Son Tom has twin boys, Matt and John. Daughter Kathy has two children, Kyle and Kari. Daughter Karen broke in her new car by driving from Georgia to be with everyone for the Thanksgiving holidays. She continues to work as a chemist for Van Waters and Rogers. Her #1 companion is her dog, Newport. Summer found Kay and Don visiting her sister, Susan, at Lake Winnipesaukee. She and Don also went to Saratoga Springs, Lake Georgia and Nantucket. They spent their annual two weeks in Kennebunkport in October. Kay continues to be active in Republican politics and local land use issues. Don, though retired, keeps the local pet population overfed, including a very fat raccoon.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn and Bert had Mary Carolyn's mother, who is 86, for Christmas, but, unfortunately, Cathy and Michael had to stay in Florida. Mary Carolyn continues to teach part time in Chesterfield County.

My daughter, Virginia, continues to work in the western end of Richmond for a psychological testing company. She's in the same apartment, and her cat, Magnolia, is not a bit saner. I continue to teach fifth grade in the same school in Henrico County and retirement is scheduled for June 2001.

Judging from your Christmas cards, we're going to have a super-big crowd at our reunion. We were a great bunch of young women in '59, and we are absolutely fabulous 40 years later.

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From Ann:

Many thanks to all for your contributions to the bronze memorial plaque and tree-planting project for Dr. Simpson and Miss Stevenson. They are being installed probably as you read this issue of *MWC Today*. Special thanks to **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** and **Lynn McCarthy** for all their hard work and research on the project. Once again, the '61ers have shown their huge and generous hearts.

Many of you have reported via the many means of communication now available. **Carole Grant LeMay** joined the e-mail fan club and sent news from historic Natchez, Miss., where she and Ralph, who is retiring after 35 years with International Paper, have lived since 1981. She is steeped in Southern history and works as a certified tour guide for bus and steamboat tourists in her adopted city. She and Ralph have a son with three children in Michigan and a daughter who is a bank manager in Birmingham.

E-mail from **Carolyn Barnette Wright** said she still loves her job after 31 years of teaching at Miami-Dade Community College as a professor of psychology and education, specializing in child development and early childhood education. Carolyn sees Bill and **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** occasionally when they are traveling in the Florida area. They celebrated their 10th anniversary with a trip to Cancun, and Ellen is very excited about welcoming her first grandchild in June. Fellow South Florida teacher, **Pat Scott Peck**, is in her 36th year of teaching art. Pat enjoyed trips to Spain and Peru last year but is still complaining that her two children have given her no grandchildren. I know the feeling.

Other freshman roomie, **Carolyn Crum Pannu**, is finally the proud possessor of an M.A. degree. She teaches English and tutors international students for the SAT in the San Francisco area. Roomie **Barbara Steen Paulman** got Roger to England again for the occasion of their daughter's Ph.D. in Latin graduation at Oxford. The Paulmans, who are avid gardeners, were thrilled with a trip to the Chelsea flower show.

Judy Saunders Slifer wrote that both she and twin **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** were diagnosed with breast cancer this past year, just four months apart. They have both undergone chemo and, because discovery was early, have great confidence in full recoveries. They live close to each other in the D.C. area and were fortunate to be able to share their difficulties. Judy's was discovered via her annual mammogram — so go get yours now! Because of Eleanore's job as an AAA corporate travel agent, retired Judy has enjoyed trips with her sister to India, Nepal and China.

Planning a rehearsal dinner and post-picnic for our son's wedding in Connecticut last fall proved to be an e-mail boon. Barbie put me on line with **Prudie Shepard**, who lives in Connecticut, and it's been great fun to "chat" with Prue again. She still works very hard at her robotics job. She suffered a blow this summer when her boss of over 20 years died unexpectedly. Prue adopted a chocolate Lab in June and a Maine coon cat in October after losing two beloved animals last year.

Connecticut/NYC resident and fellow e-mail junkie, **Lynne Williams Neave,** was a huge help in the rehearsal dinner planning. In October she and Sandy, Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** all came for our big day. It was a beautiful event and Peggy's photos of the wedding were as professional as the "big time" NYC photographers'. After the wedding, we four and spouses went up to Litchfield to the Neave's fabulous weekend retreat for more fun and frolic.

Clara Sue Durden Ashley announced the arrival of a third grandchild and the expected arrival of the fourth in January. Clara Sue and Clarence enjoyed an extensive trip to England last fall, particularly relishing the ancient city of York. **Jean Ryan Farrell** in Atlanta also added another grandson to her entourage last fall, bringing her number to five. Jean sees **Matte McCeney Campbell** several times a year when she comes to Atlanta from Nashville to visit her daughter. Matte's son, Ben Campbell, a talk show

host on KMLE in Phoenix, recently received the major market air personality of the year award from the Country Music Association.

Andy and **Connie Booth Logothetis** had a big travel year starting with a skiing trip to Squaw Valley with **Janie Riles.** They took a business jaunt to Australia in July with an 11-day side trip to Fiji. Andy, the adventurer, also helicopter-skied in Canada and then sailed to the Caribbean during Hurricane Mitch. Intelligent, MWC-educated Connie *flew* down to join him later.

Lynn McCarthy, in her never-ending genealogy research around the country, had a few MWC reunions this past year. The archives at Duke and gravestone-searching brought her east and then to her high-school reunion in Norfolk, which included **Sarah Leigh Kinberg**, Norfolk realtor **Marg Gilfoyle Powell**, **Barbie Sutton Wilder**, **Anne Tetterton Madsen** and **Carole Lingo Wigand** '60.

Lynn also hooked up with **Pepper Jacobs Germer** on an Arkansas geni-jaunt. Miraculously, they both found the Dixie Cafe at a freeway off-ramp and had a hilarious two-hour gab fest. Pepper lost both her parents this past year and shared some beautiful poetry with Lynn that she wrote in tribute to them. She still works as an account executive with KAIT-TV in Jonesboro.

Polly Updegraff Champ is adjusting to retirement and condo-living in Connecticut and enjoys the heated pool and rollerblading. Bud and **Graham Walker Burns** added another daughter-in-law to their tribe in December — that's 10 now. Graham earned membership in the premier club again this year for selling $2.75 million in residential real estate.

Gail Warlow Sessions wrote from Woodville, Miss., that the last of her five kids graduates from college this spring, and that her oldest, who also lives in Woodville, has given her five grandchildren. **Sarah Leigh Kinberg** had her usual whirlwind year of flitting around the world to kiss the grandkids. Seems we were within a few miles of the Kinbergs over Jan. 1 in North Carolina — us chain-sawing at our daughter's new home on 2.5 acres of woods near Apex, and them doing the same at their mom's in Chapel Hill after the ice storms.

Over the holidays **Becky Paris Spetz** was looking forward to having her kids from Charlottesville and New Orleans join them and their daughter's family, including two grandchildren, who live down the street. Lynn heard from **Judi Early Toxie**, who has retired and bought a townhouse at Ocean City, Md., with four decks and two boat slips. Judi recently completed a course with the Ocean City Police and also passed an advanced navigation course with the Coast Guard. Now she can crew on the Coast Guard boats while wintering in Florida. She still plays golf and tennis, and flies.

Changing her mind about retiring last year, **Nancy Wright Wright** did manage some time for a trip to Scotland with Grant and to adopt a new golden retriever puppy. She still loves babysitting their two grandchildren. Son Brian and his wife were off to the U. of Zimbabwe for a semester with 27 Wisconsin college students. **Ann Elekes Nichols** reported that she enjoyed a few chemo-free months and was able to work in her gallery, completing a 24x36 oil painting.

Stuart and **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** enjoyed a Barbados trip, their only vacation this past year because of their big move. Sylvia, settled back in Virginia, had a delightful lunch with **Marcia Minton Keech** and **Nell Robinson Jones**, who recently retired from the library in Williamsburg. **Lynn McCarthy** has a year of traveling planned: vacationing in Michigan and Canada, water-rafting and steamboating in Ohio, and genealogy conference and research in Virginia Beach and North Carolina. Sylvia and Lynn are digging up daffodil bulbs to plant at MWC and will be at the dedication of the Simpson/Stevenson plaque at the June reunion. They invite '61ers to join them even though it is not our class reunion year.

Barbie Paulman suggested that I ask everyone online to send me their e-mail addresses and I could share the list. Good idea! Let me know if you want a copy. In addition, Lynne Neave, between traveling and enjoying her three step-grandchildren, is beginning to work on our 40th reunion booklet. We will include e-mail addresses for the first time in our 2001 booklet.

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From Ginger:

In August Cal and I met **Betsy Evans Manchester** and Dane for lunch. Although they live in Mendham, N.J., they have a summer cottage in South Bristol, Maine, a short distance from us. After lunch, we met their daughter, Sue, who is a senior at Boston College. Their son, Eddy, is a lawyer with a company in NYC.

Carol Van Ness Clapp and Dick live in McLean, Va. Carol spends the summer at their home on Cape Cod, and Dick commutes weekends. Their daughter, Dede, manages a health club in Boston and son Christopher is selling tennis equipment for Volkl Co. He is in the process of moving to Florida from New Hampshire. Carol and Dick manage to do a fair amount of traveling.

Christmas mail brought news from **Linda Gulnac Steelman**. She and Bill live on Nantucket and seem to be as active as ever. Linda has been overseeing two extensive construction projects: the renovation of their church and rehabbing a house near them for Linda's parents. Linda still enjoys tennis and paddle tennis. Bill started work toward a master of divinity degree at Andover Newton in Massachusetts. They have two sons: Pete is teaching social studies in Hershey, Pa., and Rob is in investment banking in NYC.

I had nice chats with **Sue Hughes Ingham** and **Pat Garrison Lindholm**. Sue and Ron still live in Tennessee. Sue keeps busy volunteering. Daughter Betsy lives in Chicago and gave them their first grandchild, a boy, in October. Son Mike lives in Arlington, Va., and is getting his master's in historic preservation. Pat and David live in Atlanta. Pat retired about three years ago and agrees that the days seem busier than ever. She still serves on the Georgia state board of middle school education. She and David visit David's grandchildren in Florida whenever possible.

We enjoy retirement. People are always asking, "What do you do in Maine? " Well it seems like we are busy every minute, and love it. I am still very involved with the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, and Cal is on the board of the local land trust. Our daughter, Stephanie, still works with the Environmental Protection Agency in Boston. She and her husband have recently bought a house near Boston. Our younger daughter, Kimberly, has moved to Portland, Maine. We love having her near, and Portland is a great city. She is working on her master's in education.

Let us hear your news so that we can share it with the rest of the class.

From Linkey:

Thanks to e-mail, I have heard from several classmates since the last issue. **Grace "Gee" Tucker Fruit** and husband Bill have retired on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, specifically Kitty Hawk, where my former roomie, **Rosalie "Ding" Moyer Schwarz**, lives. Both are involved in community activities. Gee and Bill have three grown children, one of whom is an MWC alumna. They also have one grandchild.

Gee writes that she sees **Diane Berwind Abbott** regularly. Diane lives in Wilmington, N.C., with husband David, who is a professor at UNCW. They also have three children, one of whom is in the movie industry. Diane and David have fallen in love with Venice after two trips there.

Barbara Grant Fox wrote that she and Dave moved to Richland, Mich., from Ohio 10 years ago. They have a daughter who graduated from MWC and is now married with three children. Their son graduated from veterinary college and is now working on a Ph.D. Barbara works for the Kellogg Biological Station.

Barbara "B" Prall Granger sent an e-mail to bring us up to date on her daughters. Elizabeth was married a couple of years ago and lives in Wilmington, N.C., while Sarah travels a lot in her job as a speech pathologist. Sarah has apparently seen a lot of the U.S.A. with her work. B still teaches at the Episcopal Day School in Southern Pines. She had a surprise phone call last summer from **Leslie Levy Wachs**, who lives nearby. The two of them drove to Asheville in June '98 to have lunch with **Dottie Cagle Kay** and **Julie Burch Southall**. B also hears from **Fran Ryan Myers**, who lives in Florida. She and Charlie enjoy their children, grandchildren and retirement.

Christmas brought news from classmates **Linda Herrold Hansen**, **Jeanne Chabot Wallis**, **Karen Vandevanter Chapman**, **Ginger Logie Carr** and **Mary Settle Johnson**. Linda and Rick have completed their house-renovation project and are both involved in their jobs in Oklahoma. Linda said her job is very exciting, and she loves the travel that goes along with it. I saw Jeanne last summer at her son's wedding. Wally has since retired, and they both enjoy golf and their grandson. Karen's son was married in August and lives in Massachusetts. Her daughter moved to San Francisco this year, which gives Karen and Kurt an excuse to vacation in "The City by the Bay." Karen and I still communicate often about our school libraries. Ginger and Cal are always on vacation in their lovely Boothbay Harbor, Maine, home. Both are actively involved in their community. Mary and Bob came home to Florida for a three-month respite from their mission work in Mexico. Mary enjoyed the beach and being close to her two sons.

We are still in Houston, dreaming of living in Maine. We spent 10 wonderful days in Camden for Christmas '98. Hopefully 1999 will be the year we make the big move!

Many thanks for all your cards and e-mails. Please write me with any news you have of classmates.

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Thank you for responding to my plea for news. Keep up the communication! Since the last issue, I have become a grandmother again. I have an-

other beautiful granddaughter, born in October to my son and daughter-in-law.

Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Eisenberg wrote that she is happily living in Phoenix, Ariz., where she has her own financial service practice in which she orients her efforts to long-term care and Medicare issues for seniors. Her husband is an assistant U.S. attorney and teaches part time at the law school at Arizona State. Mary Elizabeth is active with the Phoenix Art Museum, is on the board of the Phoenix Chapter of the International Association of Financial Planning, participates in a saddle club and plays golf.

Charlotte Gregg Morgan's novel, *One August Day*, has been critically well-received. Last fall while reading at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in their Virginia writers series, she ran into **Elizabeth Andrews**, who lives in Ashland with husband Lee and daughter Evie. Charlotte has an M.Ed. in reading/adult education and an M.F.A. in fiction writing, both from VCU. She is a fellow with the Virginia Center of Creative Arts. She is also an assistant professor of English at Dabney Lancaster Community College in the Allegheny Mountains in western Virginia. She is a grandmother, as well. Her daughter, Melissa, who graduated from U.Va. and the U. of Richmond Law School, has a daughter, Sasha. Charlotte's son, Jaison, is in the school of social work administration at the U. of Chicago. Son Gregg is finishing a two-year degree at a community college, and daughter Miranda is a freshman in high school. Charlotte wrote that she "cyber-chats" often with her MWC roommate, **Susie Fetters**, who works for a law firm in Richmond. Finally, she wrote that **Eleanor Grainger Workman** has a small business in Richmond and teaches as an adjunct at a community college.

I heard from **Donna Lorance Porcaro**, who, after getting her MWC diploma, presented to her by an Army lt. colonel in Nuremberg, Germany, when she was there with her first-born son, stayed at home with him and his brother during their younger years. She then attended George Mason, became certified to teach, worked on her master's in reading, and spent four years teaching elementary school before spending the following 12 years as a reading specialist. She also taught reading recovery for Fairfax County during that time. She wrote that she has switched focus one last time to teach first grade, where she will stay until she "hangs her hat and retires." After 16 years as an Army wife, she married a retired Naval officer and gained four stepchildren. Stepdaughter **Ellen** graduated from MWC last year. The sons are in computers in one way or another, except for one who is a naturalist in Georgia. She is able to visit her parents regularly in Charleston, S.C., spent last Christmas in Italy and plans to be with friends in Turkey this August to see the eclipse.

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Greetings! As you can see by the new (temporary) address, we have big news! I hope that by the time you read this, we will have a permanent home in Memphis, where Jim has taken a new job as vice president and general counsel with Smith and Nephew, a maker of orthopedic products. We're excited about the move, and it's a good time for us, since Matt is settled in law school in Boulder, Colo., and we've just returned from Australia, where Emily's one semester studying marine biology has turned into two. She'll probably return to Eckerd College for her senior year, and then go back to Australia for graduate work. We spent a week there on a dive boat on the Great Barrier Reef, the highlight of which was watching a shark feeding, up close and personal — it was just like you see on TV. It was very exciting and not scary.

After hearing nothing from MWC Class of '69 alums for almost a year, I have much to report. **Jean Polk Hanky** wrote that her only child, a son, is at William and Mary, where he is a member of the football team and is close enough for them to visit from their Richmond home. You may remember that when Jean married her husband, Jack, 25 years ago, he had seven children, and they are now the proud grandparents of 24!

Jean also wrote that roommate **Beth Stewart Coleman** got an M.B.A. five years ago and teaches accounting/business to adults in a business school in Lynchburg. Her son, John, graduated from Roanoke College and has earned his master's in information systems from VCU. Daughter Christy graduated from the U. of Richmond and is applying to dental school. Beth's husband, Wayne, continues in his practice of periodontics.

Jean also had some sad news: **Pam Selden Magee** lost her brother in November. She lives in Manassas, but her brother was a prominent realtor in Richmond. Also, **Kern Odom Loughran** lost her daughter, Lt. j.g. **Meredith Carol Loughran** '94, in November 1998 during a flight training exercise on the *USS Enterprise*. Meredith had graduated from flight school and was on her way to the Persian Gulf for her first overseas assignment. Kern's older daughter, **Katherine**, also attended MWC.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick wrote that she has retired for good and loves being home — it allows her and her hubby to travel. Their last trip was to Puerta Vallarta, Mexico. She and the MWC gang of **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns**, **Tonie Sue Turner Bruseth**, and **Suzy Bender Winterble** still get together semi-annually, and this year will find them in Austin, Texas, at Tonie's, where they will visit the LBJ ranch. She reports that Jeanine's youngest has gone off to school, and she is suffering from empty-nest syndrome. Suzy's husband, Chaz, has retired, at least temporarily, and they are skiing and traveling. Tonie works for the Austin Chamber of Commerce developing corporate partnerships with educational groups to build programs for school children, which she finds really rewarding.

I called **Linda Huff Alderson** when my sister, Janet, in California sent me an article about Linda's husband, Sandy, being appointed executive vice-president for Major League Baseball, headquartered in New York City. For the time being, they'll maintain two homes, one in Marin County and an apartment in NYC. Daughter Cate is spending this semester traveling all over the world with Semester at Sea; she's a junior at Dartmouth. And son Bryn will graduate from high school this year. Linda saw **Sally Taylor Bramley**, who lives in North Carolina. She has three children, one of whom is getting married. Her hubby is a doctor.

And I have news gleaned from my usual assortment of Christmas letter writers, for which I am always grateful. **Linda Marett Disosway** wrote that they moved into their new lake-house in Greensboro, Ga., in June. Husband John is still a pilot for Delta, and they play a lot of golf. Daughter Allison is a buyer for Pier 1, lives in Ft. Worth, and does a lot of world traveling. Jill is a senior at U. of Ga. in social work but hopes to pursue a career in music. She spent most of the summer in Europe. Taylor is at Georgia Tech working toward a degree in management.

Betty Ferguson Foster's family travels, too. Daughter Elizabeth was in London most of the year and is now working as a computer consultant in Richmond. Sarah is finishing at Princeton and hopes to teach. Husband Charlie's company acquired another title company this year, and Charlie heads up the new holding company.

Barbara Marks Poppleton wrote from her home in Pittsburgh that all is well with them. Daughter Valerie is still a nurse at Boston Children's Hospital. Son Bret is getting his M.B.A. at Penn State. Son Drew will finish undergraduate school this year and hopes to go on to grad school. He seems to have a gift for working with handicapped youth. Barb and Don have played a lot of golf and have done some skiing and traveling.

Martha Pickard Zink writes from the Baltimore suburbs that she plays a lot of golf and skis. She also does a lot of painting, both framed pictures and murals, for their home. They bought a beach house at Bethany but still have their home in Kiawah. Son Matt is working in Baltimore as a mortgage banker; Doug is working for a builder, rehabbing old houses in Charlottesville.

Beverly Janice Holt received the North Carolina Association of Broadcaster's Distinguished Service Award in October '98. She is general manager of Capitol Networks, Capitol Broadcasting's news and agribusiness networks.

I hope all of you are planning to attend the reunion — we had such a great turnout for our 25th. Let's see if we can top that! Please, as always, remember to designate your annual donations to the Class of 1969 Laura Sumner Scholarship Fund.

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The postcards sent to all of you proved fruitful. Thanks to all who wrote and, for those who didn't, please drop me a line.

It was great to see those who came to our 25th reunion. **Terry Woodworth Rodgers** and **Betsy Flynn Labar** did a great job with the class party — thanks ladies. As always we continue to be the loudest class. However, the class of '68 outdid us in number. **Barbara Barnes Krug** and **Janet "Pick" Pickral Moncure** will be helping with the next reunion, so let's make our 30th better than the 25th.

Duke Price recently accepted a position with the Virginia Department of Health as onsite sewage program manager working at their central office in Richmond, Va. He has been with the VDH for 24 years and has worked his way through the ranks to what appears to be a challenging and interesting job. He lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with wife Ingrid, who's a real estate broker, and daughter Danielle. They occasionally see Mickey and **Janet Bade Dowling**, and their family of four: Adam (now at U.Va.), Eric, Ashley and Johanna.

Karen Kenny Dorrough wrote that she has lived in the Atlanta metro area for over 20 years. Daughter Kate Marie, in the fifth grade, is an Irish dancer and softball player. Husband David has worked for Delta Airlines for nearly 20 years and is in the engine production/maintenance area of the company. Karen is semi-retired after 15 years of working with people with disabilities seeking employment.

Chris Ransom works as a guidance counselor in a large city high school in New York. Managing the activities of her two daughters takes up the bulk of Chris' time. They are both involved in the performing arts; one does vocal music, the other does ballet.

Carol Bowie Kuhnley recently returned to Virginia after living in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Indiana. Husband John is doing in-patient adolescent psychiatry at the Winchester Medical Center. They have two girls: Sheila, who attends Penn State/Altoona majoring in education, and Lisa, who is at the U. of Southern Indiana majoring in theatre design and technology.

Julie Howe Young's parents live in Coronado, near me, and her brother is in the Navy and will be moving to San Diego to start a new command. Julie and her family live in Chicago. She is on the board of the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago. They have two high-school age boys, Doug and Eric, who are avid soccer players. Over spring break they went to Costa Rica, and during the summer the boys went to soccer camp in France. That gave the family an opportunity to go to a World Cup Soccer game. Then she and husband Jake traveled around the south of France for their 25th wedding anniversary.

While most of us are trying to maintain one home, **Jillian Hanney Herrigel** and husband Rodger, an attorney, have two — one in New Jersey and a summer home in West Point, Maine. They have three children: John is a sophomore at U.Va., Bryn is a together 16-year-old young lady and Scot is an active 12-year-old. Then add Palo, a Slovak student who has lived with them for the past three years. Jillian teaches art (K-3rd grade) at two local schools as well as keeping up with Camp West Point in the summer, where more than 35 different teen-age and adult visitors spend at least one night. She keeps in touch with many classmates.

Susan Hughes Baizley has lived in Lexington, Va., for the past 10 years with her husband, who is an assistant baseball coach at Washington and Lee, and who owns a few small businesses. They have a 20-year-old son, John, who attends Rhode Island School of Design and an 18-year-old daughter heading to the U. of Kentucky next fall. Sue just sold her latest business, Lexington Horse and Country, and is currently developing two new small businesses and training her horse.

Barbara Barnes Krug and family are settled in Texas. She and Larry have four children. Adam will graduate from UT in the spring with a double major — finance and Spanish. He has accepted a job in investment banking with Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette in Dallas. Matt has been working hard on his studies in Austin, also at UT. Travis is at West Point and is majoring in economics. He is looking forward to the summer, when he may get a short posting overseas. Whitney, the youngest and the only girl, is still in high school and is involved in everything. She works hard to maintain her grades in the midst of all her activities and is looking at MWC for college. Barb still substitute teaches in elementary school. She accompanied husband Larry on a business trip to London and took in a number of plays and an opera, which she thought she would hate, but it turned out to be great fun and a most enjoyable evening.

Janet "Pick" Pickral Moncure moved into a new home in August. She and George are having fun puttering around and fixing up the house. Pick's girls keep her busy — they're at that wonderful age when they're involved in several activities, but can't drive yet — so Pick spends much time in the car. She, however, finds time to play tennis and to gather around the bridge table two to three times a month, just to keep her skills up. The main thing that takes up her time is her church work. Pick is on the vestry. It takes an enormous amount of work, to the point that she has dropped most of her other volunteer work, but is tremendously satisfying.

Last year was a milestone year for **Susie Baril Bourne**. Her oldest daughter, Christyne, graduated with honors with a B.A. in political science. She moved to Washington, D.C., and works for Representative John Kasich, a congressman from Ohio and chairman of the budget committee. Youngest daughter, Erin, is a senior in high school and maintains a 4.0 GPA in advanced and AP classes along with her involvement in extracurricular activities. Susie's husband, Royce, designs churches, federal courthouses buildings, banks and college buildings. He and Susie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Susie stays busy with substitute teaching, PTA, church activities and bridge.

I received correspondence from some fellow Californians, **Pat Green** and **Cindy Thaxton Grogan**. Pat and her husband moved to California 11 years ago for Pat's job. Next month, she will be starting her third year as the director of the Aerospace Corporation libraries in El Segundo. This past June, her husband celebrated his 10th year with Rand Corporation in Santa Monica. They never dreamed they would end up in think-tanks. They have an 8-year-old son, Gavin, who is involved in the usual activities: soccer, karate, gymnastics, Cub Scouts, etc. Pat manages to see **Linda Pugh** '73 and **Jeannie Holt** '72 once or twice a year during business trips to D.C. Cindy lives in Bakersfield.

Mary Fletcher Donohue wrote from the frigid Midwest that she and Paul, a captain for Southwest flying out of Baltimore, have three children. Patrick, a high school senior, is a National Merit Semifinalist who was recently named to the U.S. Swimming Scholastic All-America Team. Katherine is in seventh grade, taller than Mary, and is a year-round competitive swimmer, cheerleader and piano player. John, a fifth grader, is a swimmer also, but he is also known for his skills with a yo-yo. Mary is in her fifth year as counselor for the International Baccalaureate Program in Wichita's largest high school (and the largest in Kansas).

Susan Jacobius Davis and family took a trip to Alaska to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. For seven days they cruised the Inland Passage onboard the *Dawn Princess*. Daughter Amy is involved with the violin, swimming, youth group, acolyting, horseback riding and Girl Scouts. Needless to say, like Pick, Susan spends a lot of time in the car. Susan has her own business, Creative Memories, which shares time with Girl Scout leader, swim team official, clubs and church activities.

Loretta Ratkus is trying to build an import/export business with Eastern Europe. Her studies get in the way, as she is working on an M.A. degree in international transactions. Her studies have given her an opportunity to take courses in international trade at Oxford U., where she added two months of sightseeing in England, Scotland, Wales, Paris, and a visit to Lithuanian cousins.

Susan Regan and **Deb Reynolds Linder** have caused a few scenes in some educational conventions in San Diego. When Deb was still working for Jostens Learning Corporation, which develops and markets educational software, she would sometimes help out in their booth. Picture a huge convention hall with two women running around exhibits, screaming and embracing. Susan continues as principal of Whitemarsh Elementary School in Pennsylvania. She had a tough spring last year, as teachers were working without a contract until things were resolved in the summer.

I recently left Jostens Learning Corporation to become a project manager for Qualcomm Inc., a leader in developing and delivering innovative digital wireless communications products and services. I also continue to work on an M.E. degree with a concentration in educational technology — only one more semester to go! Bruce left the Navy over a year ago and works for Booz-Allen developing computer training and Internet information databases for the Navy. Terri is in her last year at the U. of Southern California. Vacations to the Grand Tetons, the Caribbean Christmas 1997, and Austria (to visit a friend from Finland) last Christmas have earned her the award of the "most traveled" member of the family. Kelly is a sophomore at Santa Clara U. working on a degree in communications. She has been selected for the student senate for the second time and stays in shape with swing and jazz dance classes. There is even time for a part-time job on campus.

So now that you have seen what fun it is to read about your classmates, send me your news. And start planning to attend our 30th reunion.

1975

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Thanks to all of you who responded to my postcard mailer!

Sue Lind Relyea continues her involvement in many volunteer organizations as well as traveling with her family and raising three children. Her oldest daughter, Rachel, received one of the top 10 scholarships to Virginia Weslyn College in Virginia Beach.

Faith Lynch Johnson and husband Bob graduated from the Marshall Center in Garmisch, Germany, in December '98. They will move back to their home in Maryland this summer after five years overseas. **Martha Harville** is also in Germany, teaching elementary school in Giessen, and said her first visitor, **Catherine Tolnay**, was from MWC. They toured Germany and four other countries for four weeks. Martha would welcome visits and mail from any other MWC friends.

Karen Jones Barlow lives on a farm in Smithfield, Va., in a home that was built in 1750. She has three sons and two stepchildren who are all involved in various sports activities. Karen teaches art lessons and is very involved with church and women's club activities. She mentioned that an MWC alumnus said that the Board of Visitors was voting again to change the name of the College and is interested to hear from any 1977 classmates regarding the status. **Mary Lee Hughes Willcox** said she has not sent news about herself for 15 years, but always keeps up with everyone in our *MWC TODAY* alumni column. M.L. is married with three children and has a home-based interiors business in which she designs and makes topiaries, plant arrangements and home accessories. Her children are very involved in sports, just as M.L. was at MWC in hockey and lacrosse.

Beth Craig reported that she is doing well in Arlington. Her parents celebrated their 53rd anniversary on New Year's Day, and she was expecting a house full of company for the big event. **Kathye Baldwin Geary** was recently named executive director for the Northern Virginia

Summer Academy, which offers a summer program for advanced high-school students, giving them the opportunity to focus on relationships between biomedical technology, health care and legislation and to interact with experts on Capitol Hill and at NIH, GWU and the Library of Congress. Her oldest son, Rob, attends MIT, and daughter Meredith is a high-school senior.

Kathleen Williams Pyrce and daughter Mariah visited Ireland for two weeks last October with her parents and other family members. Kathleen writes that **Vicky Geis Mumford** has a new baby boy named Michael. **Kathryn Wire Howard** lives in Hilton Head, S.C., where she teaches at Hilton Head High School. She is a college board consultant in AP environmental science and is an AP biology reader. Kathryn sees **Cheryl Allen** at readings during the summer.

Craig "Skippy" Strickland Robinson still lives in Memphis and is busy volunteering at school and church and raising three active children. She said in her spare time she "cooks, shops, cleans, gardens and sleeps … in that order!" **Terrie Martin Dort** and her husband, Dean, recently moved into their "dream home" in Oakton, Va., which they designed and built. None of their furniture had arrived, and they had sheets hanging in all the windows, but by now they are sure to be settled and welcoming visitors.

A Christmas card from **Pamela Roberts Albrecht** was written from a hotel room in Orlando, where she and her family were staying for a soccer tournament for son Patrick. Her other children, Kevin and Christine, are also involved in sports at home in Richmond, which keeps Pam and husband Tom on the go. **Janet Ogden Thompson** and husband Tommy still live on their farm in Mechanicsville and are busy with their daughters, who are talented dancers and excellent students. Janet said she is "right where God wants her" as a member of a team of six singers who lead contemporary worship service at their church. **Libby Bell Stevens** lives in Harrisonburg, Va., and stays busy with church and her four children's sports, music and performing activities. **Nancy Copeland Taylor** '78, who lives in King George, Va., is a civilian employee of the Navy. Nancy and husband Heath have three children, one each in high school, middle school and elementary school.

I am still in Las Vegas, although we are determined that 1999 will find us back in the Southeast. My sales/marketing company is thankfully very successful, and I am hopeful that many of my clients will continue to work with me even if I relocate. Son Blake is a high-school freshman, and Brad is a sixth-grader. Both boys are great students and are very involved in athletics and, most importantly, are still "Southern gentlemen" despite the Las Vegas influence!

I sadly received notification of the passing of two of our classmates, **Allison Slade Burchett** and **Clarkson Averett**. **Suzanne Gass Moore** wrote of Allison, "We were roommates for four years and were in each other's weddings. Allison left behind a husband, two children and two stepchildren. I will always treasure the friendship I had with Allison." **Ellie Regan** remembers Clarkson, who passed away in Charlottesville in November after a four-month battle with lung cancer. "She was my roommate in Custis for our last two years and, as a Phi Beta Kappa, had a positive influence on my study habits! Although we had fallen out of touch over the years, I remember our times together with great fondness."

And finally, a message of celebration and inspiration from **Mary Byrd**: "In June, my annual mammogram detected very early-stage breast cancer. A mastectomy was advised after two lumpectomies could not get a clear margin. I opted for reconstructive surgery with an implant, and all is going well so far. I am very fortunate that the cancer had not spread to any lymph nodes and, therefore, no chemo or radiation. I have been having yearly mammograms since turning 40 because of my family's history. I urge all of you to do regular self-examinations and get periodic mammograms! Between the two, more early-stage breast cancer is being detected and headed off at the pass. Many thanks for the support from all my MWC friends."

1979

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From Barbara Jean:

Sue Moore Davis has recently moved to Durham, N.C. Husband Dan attends Duke U. for a Ph.D. in economics. Sue is working as PE and enrichment teacher at her two daughters' school. Rachel and Hannah enjoy their new home.

Barb Goliash Emerson wrote that she spoke with **Carol Middlebrook**, who's working for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Carol had, in turn, talked with **Lisa Jenkins**, who has been working with Standard and Poors since earning her M.B.A. and is attending law school while still working full time! Barb enjoys the challenge of local government, working as senior budget analyst for Fairfax County. In the picture she sent, son Dougie looks like he's getting ready to become a real heartbreaker!

Leslie Schluter Sweeney sent a picture of her family, also. Daughter Mackenzie is a towhead who looks confident and fun-loving, while son Conner has a bit of red in his hair and looks ready to bedevil his parents at every opportunity. Leslie and Drew have been married since 1991. Drew is a computer whiz who's also a people person. Leslie is a partner in her law firm, Halaby, Cross & Schluter, working mainly in the area of civil rights law enforcement and employment defense.

Anne Hayes works as a legal secretary for McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe in Richmond. She is in the labor and employment litigation department. **Barbara Stone Mait** is keeping busy with son Alex, who is in second grade and is "all boy."

Gayle Weinberger Petrozino is not only looking forward to the reunion, but she's helping to pull it together. Husband Mark is helping to plan several of the events! Gayle has taught fifth grade in Fairfax County for 20 years. She provides inservices for other teachers in the county as well as teaching her students.

As for me, I'm homeschooling my 7-year-old Emily. 5-year-old Anna attends a special school for children who are developmentally delayed and charms everyone with her smile and her sweet nature. I'm also working as a part-time consultant for my own company, Montwell Professionals, designing Web pages, providing training (mainly Internet stuff) and producing a short infofilm. Husband Randy keeps me sane by making me laugh!

I hope to see all of you at the 20th reunion! There's so much to catch up on and to hear about. My father died this past year and it has certainly given me the wake-up call to do the most with this life while we still have it. Sharing old memories and making new ones with old friends is one of those things that shouldn't be put off until later!

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From Lori:

Sherryl Andrews Belinsky and husband David have lived in Northern Virginia since graduation. For the past two years, they have lived in South Riding, about 20 minutes south of Dulles Airport, with their two sons, Nicholas and Christopher. Sherryl has worked for the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C., for the past five years, and for the past three as a webmaster on a Web site that focuses on trade policy in the Western Hemisphere.

Glenis Riegert Pittman married Ken in 1985. They have two boys and live in Alexandria, Va., but anticipate moving closer to Centreville or Herndon, Va., before summer to be closer to Ken's job with ServiceNet. Glenis works in the products division of the American Bankers Association in Washington, D.C. She has been at ABA for 12 years, working with member relations, special projects, quality management, and product development. Their spare time revolves around soccer, music and church activities.

After graduation, **Theresa Cirrincione Schaffer** got a job as an editorial assistant, which eventually led to photo-composition, typesetting, and finally computer programming. She lived in Chicago for six years and traveled the U.S. extensively, teaching computer programming classes. This led to an opportunity to live in England for two years and teach classes in London, Paris, Amsterdam and Heidelberg. While living overseas, she vacationed all over England, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Germany and Austria. In 1992, Resa moved to New York City to work for a large legal publishing company designing databases and writing computer programs. She met husband Steve at work and, in June 1996, they eloped and moved to New Hampshire. They live in a 26-room farmhouse built in 1870 which used to be, among many other things, a B&B. Her office is upstairs, with a view of the woods, a stream that runs along their property, and the White Mountains. She feels fortunate to be able to work from home so she can spend time with their "furry children" — two Shetland sheepdogs and five Persian cats. Resa sees her old college roommate, **Jennifer Hunt**, several times a year. Jennifer lives in Reston, Va., and works in a public relations job that she really enjoys. She recently took a trip to Hawaii and is looking forward to going back.

Audrey Komito Thomson spent a weekend last spring at the Wintergreen Resort, just west of Charlottesville, with a group that lived together in Jefferson for the '79-'80 school year. Six of the eight were celebrating their 40th birthdays: **Terri Moynihan Snidow**, **Sandy Jones Adams**, **Holly Kelley Rison**, **Leslie Zehmer Campbell**, **Lynn Honeycutt Wagner** and **Katy Hayman Sommers**, all from the Class of '80. **Lori Rosche Davis** and Audrey completed the eight and continually reminded the old timers that the two of them were yet to turn 39! Lori and husband Larry, attorney for Albemarle County, had recently moved to the area, and Lori hosted the group for lunch before they made their way up the mountain. They vowed they'd make it an annual event.

Audrey and husband Gordon live in Richmond. Gordon continues to fly for United, usually European routes, with Audrey tagging along from time to time. They have two children, daughter Bailey and son Nathan. Audrey is busy with volunteer work at the children's school and at church. In August, Audrey and Gordon were in San Francisco for a week, where they met with **Vicki Reynard Thorne** and Kevin, who live about an hour away in San Jose. Vicki continues to do free-lance artwork and has done some designing for The Gap, in between trying to juggle being Mom to her four children.

Last year was an exciting one for **Pamela Clapp Hinkle**. In September, she married Greg. Many of her MWC friends made the trek to Cape Cod for the big event: **David** and **Colleen McCahill Turley**, Mike and **Charlotte Clare Snyder**, Brian and **Elisa Devorshak Harvey**, **Karen Snyder Boff**, **Patty Churchill Shippee**, Steve and **Nancy McEntyre Kenefick**, **Ellen Stanley**, **Bobbie Dwyer Leon**, **Barb Ecker** and husband Mark, **Wendy Brown**, and Mike and **Katrina Ray Landis**, who flew in from London. Pam's sister, **Rebecca Clapp** '87, was a bridesmaid. Pam and Greg honeymooned in northern New England. They recently bought an old farmhouse on an acre of land in Plymouth, Mass. Pam continues to work as the director of communications at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole. Greg is a computational biologist at Cereon Genomics, a biotechnology company in Cambridge, Mass.

Karen Snyder Boff, husband Jamie and daughters Molly, Maria and Maggie have settled comfortably into their new community near Atlanta. With a first-grader, a pre-schooler and a toddler, Karen and Jamie keep busy but did manage to get away to Cancun for five days last year to celebrate their 10th anniversary. They spent their summer vacation visiting family and friends in Nags Head, Virginia Beach, Baltimore, Charlotte, and Pittsburgh. **Bobbie Dwyer Leon** has added her own soccer activities to her already busy schedule of keeping up with her three children and her husband, volunteering in the PTA, and teaching a religious education class. She recently joined an indoor soccer league, playing for a team called the "Hot Flashes."

David and **Colleen McCahill Turley** and son Nolan are busy with their many activities. David is finishing his master's while continuing his career in computer development. Colleen enjoys her career as an account executive with Van Heusen dress shirts. She works from home with limited travel to New York City and St. Louis. In her free time, she has taken up golf. The Turleys managed to fit in a few trips last year to Bigfork, Montana, to visit Colleen's parents; to Cape May/Lewes, Del. for a birding trip; and to Chicago for the American Gloxinia & Gesneriad Society Convention.

Katie Kulp Jones and husband Dennis live in Roanoke with their three daughters. Katie finished her K-8 teaching certification last spring and now enjoys being a long-term substitute in an elementary library. Dennis works for Carter Machinery. **Jenny Sharp-Warthan** continues to work as a family practice physician in Newport News, Va. Husband Danny works for York County. They spend much of their spare time with daughters Christie and Morgan on their new boat. Last year's boat trips included a weekend at Solomons Island and a week up the Chesapeake Bay. Jenny and Danny also spent a week on a 42-foot motoryacht in the British Virgin Islands last summer.

Susan Curtis Schulte worked in benefit management after college, then was an at-home mom with two sons, Chris and Curt, and had an antique shop on the side. She was a teacher for a few years after becoming a single mom. She met her present husband, Fred, through his brother who was a fellow teacher. Susan and Fred now work together; he runs the office and she works in financial sales, teaching only Sunday school. They live with her boys in the country north of Baltimore. She has close access to the NCR Trail for biking and the Gunpowder River for kayaking, which she also does on the bay at Assateague near their beach house in Ocean City.

Kristine Crofford Pruitt still lives in Raleigh, N.C., and she has two boys. She resigned from her electrical engineering career within a year of her oldest son's birth. It was a tough transition for her, but well worth it; she enjoys the time she has at home with the boys before they're off to college. Kristine is pursuing her music interest, singing. She performs three or four times a month with an ensemble of 10.

Bernie Saunders has moved again, this time to Dallas. He is a general manager for the company he went to work for after he left the Marine Corps; he runs the operation and sales for Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and part of Louisiana. He is also a major in the Marine Corps Reserves. Bernie and Sam have three children: Kyle, Kipp and Kendall Ann. Bernie reports that **Mike Cragg** is still in Charlottesville and teaches grade school after obtaining a master's degree from U.Va. He has a daughter, Victoria, with whom he spends every free moment.

Lori Catanzaro Sciadini has lived in Nashville, Tenn., for 10 years. She works for Vanderbilt U. as the director of the Owen Graduate School of Management's international executive M.B.A. program in Miami, Fla., which means she spends a lot of time in Miami. She also teaches business Spanish to the M.B.A. students, and she is the proud mother of Natalie.

In May 1998, **Lisa Shipp Logue** and husband Bob moved from California to Mississippi, where they live on 11 wooded acres. They are in the process of open adoption and would love to hear from anyone who may know someone interested in having an infant adopted.

Katherine Dozier earned an M.B.A. in finance from Metropolitan State U. last June in St. Paul, Minn. **Robin Bedingfield Brown** and husband Tom have two sons. Travis arrived in September, joining big brother Connor. They live in Crofton, Md., where they expect to be for at least another year. Robin is a naval officer at the Naval Research Lab. She was promoted to commander last year.

Catherine Miller Canty '82 went back to work last year after three years off. She works part time for the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. Catherine and husband Paul live in Midlothian, Va., with their three children, sons John and Christopher and daughter Meghan. Congratulations to **Robin Bedingfield Brown** on the birth of a son.

Carin Carr Fernandez '80 is still in Tampa, Fla., where she teaches sixth grade, and husband Jack is an attorney in private practice. Daughter Marina attends the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, R.I.; son "Moose" is a high-school junior; and daughter Abbey is a seventh-grader.

Thanks to all of you who wrote! Keep the news coming!

1983

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From Anne:

I don't have much … so let me hear from you for the next time!

I am enjoying life in Fredericksburg. It has changed so much that you wouldn't even recognize the place. Our family has been very busy this year. My husband, Carl, is the cubmaster for our Cub Scout pack. I serve as a den leader and as the editor of our monthly newsletter. Sons Thomas, Robert and Henry keep us both on our toes.

Frankie Blanchard Laurent lives in Cary, N.C., and has been doing quite a bit of traveling. She, Richard, and son Paul went to Belize in 1997 and Antarctica in 1998. Paul was diagnosed with diabetes in 1997. Frankie was scheduled to run in the Bermuda Marathon in January 1999.

Again, please let me hear from you, I can't include it if I don't know about it!

From Marcia:

Kathy Walters Along is headed to San Diego in August. Actually, her Jazzercise business is going so well, Jazzercise Corporate is footing the bill for Kathy to attend a Jazzercise convention. She's taking hubby and children as well. Daughter Gina is busy with ballet and Tae Kwon Do, and son Joseph is showing early artistic talent.

Teresa Childers Petersen sent a picture of herself with hubby Mark in front of the Buck N' Brass Resort in Wisconsin, where they spent their anniversary. Other travels have led them to Zurich, Lucerne and Davos as well as Florida and NYC.

Lisa Harris Coleman is on the move — to a new house. They're in temporary quarters in Yorktown until their home is finished in Smithfield. **Belinda Darnell** sold her pizza shop and spent some vacation time in Naples, Fla. In March '98, she got the ideal job with Prince George's County Schools working 10 months a year. Belinda bought a home in Baltimore and has also gotten engaged.

Betsy Pickral Molino had a baby boy, Matthew, in July '98. Betsy retired from her career in analytical chemistry to be an at-home mom. **Muffin Williamson Wilson** is on the move back to Northern Virginia in summer '99. She's very happy to be moving closer to family and friends. **Sharon Robertson Williamson** works at Circuit City and said that she loves working part time, since it gives her extra time to spend with son Hunter. Muffin and Sharon are planning to attend their 20th high-school reunion together during summer '99.

Lillian Sempeles Funk has added to her family with daughter Lauren, born in December '96, joining brother Michael. **Sharon Utz Black** and husband have also been in a travel mode with trips, sans Sarah and McKenzie, to New York City and San Francisco.

Terry Sckinto Hogan works for Mass Mutual and does some marketing for a local Richmond artist. **Farah Maynor Marks** is still interim director of development at RMWC. She works part time and loves it. **Cheryl Whittaker May** and husband have just relocated to the Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard, Calif., north of Los Angeles, where they have a view of the ocean and the bay. Husband Greg works for a small law firm within walking distance, and Cheryl said it's finally time to write her thesis and finish her M.A. in arts management from American U. Cheryl will also be looking for a job in her field, although the benefits from working for Coca-Cola in Orange County will be missed.

Susie Leavitt visited India for three weeks in January 1999 and was able to visit a Bengal tiger preserve. **Susan Kushmeider Burton** and husband James added daughter Sarah Coleman, born January 1999, to join daughter Elizabeth Anne.

I, too, was in a travel mode. In November '98, I spent an Italian Thanksgiving with my mother and sister in Rome, Venice and Florence. In March '99, I was in Paris for a whirlwind weekend with my husband. I spent some time serving on our church's pastoral board and generally spreading myself too thin, but things have evened out now, thank goodness!

Please keep me posted on your whereabouts. I love to hear from you!

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From Charlotte:

Greetings fellow classmates. It seems like such a long time since I've seen any information about our class in *MWC Today*.

1998 was a very exciting year for us. Phil and I had Caroline Elizabeth, our first baby, in July. It has been really fun watching her grow. I resigned my job as assistant principal to stay home for awhile. I've seen **Lori White Wright** on several occasions. She and Jerry have three children. Lori's sister, **Cindy White McClelland** '88, lives in Leesburg and has two children. Cindy is a second-grade teacher in Loudoun County. I've also seen **Cathy "Cuff" Gibbons Kunkel**, who is a first-grade teacher in Fairfax County.

Janet Bowers wrote that she is working for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and is back in school seeking a degree in accounting from the Northern Virginia campus of U.Va. She bought a condo in West Falls Church. She heard from **Renee Allen Kuntz**, who lives in England with her husband, Scott. They are enjoying themselves and will return to the States in 2000.

Joan MacKeith lives in New York City with her husband and son.

I also received some news from **Katherine Aaslestad** and husband **John Lambertson**, who live in West Virginia and are the proud parents of three children. They welcomed their third child, Alaine Barbara, in July 1996. Katherine received her Ph.D. in modern European history from the U. of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign and also accepted an assistant professorship at West Virginia U. John is also a visiting professor at WVU. They both miss New England but look forward to being closer to friends in Virginia. **Mary Ruth Venditti Yao** wrote that she and husband Joseph live in Silver Spring, Md. Mary Ruth stays home with her three children and keeps active with their hobbies.

Please keep me informed about what everyone is doing. If you're ever in Reston, give me a call.

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From Nancy:

Hello everyone. I bought a new townhouse in Alexandria and moved in early January. I took a vacation in London and had a wonderful time. **Karin Anderson Williams** and husband Roy sold their townhouse and bought a lovely single-family home in Falls Church. Karin is a government contract bid specialist at Canon U.S.A. Inc. **Janet Hall Zavrel** and **Chris Zavrel** '86 are expecting their third child. Janet works for the National Wildlife Federation. **Lisa Leeper** '86 moved to Nebraska in 1998. **Diane Cardwell Huntington** '88 passed her CPA exam and works for a firm in Warrenton.

Matt and **Katie Regan Williams** were married in 1988, and they have two black Labs, Beau and Hank. Last November, Katie was finishing her master's at George Washington U. Matt is director of standardization at Aerospace Industries Association. They live in Montclair.

Debra Rose Hamil lives in North Carolina and works as a school psychologist in Charlotte. **Lucrecia Zang Johnson** lives in Centreville and has been working successfully at USAA for about nine years. **Mary Sasser** lives in Arlington and works for Children's Hospital. **Kelly Hastings** is vice president of a hospital in Woodbridge. Kelly holds an M.H.A. from the Medical College of Virginia. **Francie Lehr Chiado** is married and has a boy. **Susan Pentz** '88 has been working at Freddie Mac since college and lives in Reston.

Mary Cameron "Polly" Van Dyck Tarbell and husband Rich, who live in Charlottesville, had their first child, a girl they named Cameron. Rich owns and runs a golf store called Golfzilla. Polly is a speech pathologist at U.Va. Health Sciences Center, Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center.

Dan Ratner has his own business and has been residing in Reston for seven years. **Todd Vecchio** also lives in Reston and owns a telecommunications company. **Wynn Voeks**, who lives in Oakton with wife Cathy and son Grant, owns Wharf Travel Services. **Michael Wohleking** lives in Long Island, N.Y., with wife Jen and son Zachary. **Cabby Bennett** '86 lives in Las Vegas, Nev., and runs his own loan company with his brother. **Liz Proutt Connelly** married Chris in May '98 on the Eastern Shore, and they honeymooned in France and England.

Susan Mulligan Miller, a business analyst at Freddie Mac, lives in Herndon with husband Charlie and two boys. **Kelly Flynn** is married to Tim, and they live in Japan, where she does contract work for SAIC. **Margaret Duke Hilldrup** and **Mark Hilldrup** '86 have two girls, Emma and Ann. **Sue Burry Martin** is married to **Jay Martin** '88, and they have two daughters.

From Cheryl:

Please let me now what you have been doing; there are a lot of your classmates who would like to know. The current address list for our class is very much in need of updating, so please let the alumni office know your address.

I ran into **Tamra Moore Goldstein** on the subway one day last year. She was working as a senior computer scientist — system development and acquisition/chief information officer for the Patent and Trademark Office of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce in Arlington, Va. She and her husband were very happy to have been blessed with a healthy baby boy.

Nimesh Shah accepted the position of director, data applications marketing with Sprint, his employer of many years. The position is in Dallas, so he and wife Regina and little girl, Maya, relocated early in 1999. Maya had a badly broken leg in fall '98, but you'd never know it from the bright, beautiful smile in her Christmas picture.

I received a Christmas card for **Stacey Werling**, whose work currently has her in New York. **Victoria DeRose** is also back in New York after working on the Elton John/Shania Twain tour. Victoria was trying to decide between various jobs in production/marketing/events planning. She was waiting to hear about a position with a top, world-famous designer. She was also making plans to be my maid-of-honor in September, as Randy and I became engaged at Christmas. **Jocelyn Gobs Smith** '86 was in touch recently and said that she has taken a part-time job now that her oldest child, Degnan, is in school; Reeves and Jocelyn's daughter Paris is still a toddler.

1989

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From Leighann:

Thanks so much for all of your great letters. We have tons of news for this issue.

David Kidwell earned his master's in music composition from the Hartt School of Music in 1991. He is the conductor for three community orchestras and frequently directs for opera and community theater productions. He married Jo-Ellen Cameron in 1994, and they live in western Massachusetts.

Robin Carrier Lipscomb, husband Mark and son Devin welcomed Wyatt Nathaniel to the world in October 1998. They still live in Ashburn, Va. Robin works for PEC in Fairfax, and Mark works for Mosler as an electronics security specialist. They live about 10 minutes away from **Lisa Barley Collins** and her husband, who are in Sterling, Va. The Collins took an exciting European vacation in September. Robin also purchased one of **Anastasia Shirley Carson**'s artworks at a show in Occoquan in May '98. **Meghan Baldwin Lau**, husband Jim and daughters Rachel and Hanna bought a house in Alexandria. **Leah Wilson** was recently promoted to manager of the project she works on for NOAA/NESDIS.

Angela Hepola finally had enough of the RV industry after eight years in the business. She now works for America Online and loves it. She is still involved in the theater, which lead to her first trip to New York City in April 1998. There she met Quentin Tarantino on the street! In addition to being in plays, she is also on the board of the Sterling Playmakers.

Holly Isaacson Holmes is a physical therapist in Golden, Colo. Her husband, Steve, has a company called Eldorado Walls, which builds indoor climbing walls all over the U.S. **Marian Manlove** was at Holly and Steve's wedding.

Margaret Anne Crickman sees quite a bit of **David Voelkel** '91 now that he works just a few short blocks from her in Fredericksburg. Margaret Anne has been working as processing archivist with the Fredericksburg Circuit Court for the past six years. She works with papers dating from 1786-1914. She is a new grandmother, and her youngest son graduated from law school in May '98. David is the new curator and assistant director of the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. I can't think of a better person to take over for Lee Langston-Harrison!

James Townley lives in Woodbridge. He has worked for the federal government for over nine years as a management analyst for Immigration and Naturalization Service in downtown D.C. **Gene Fischer** still works for the American Medical Association as marketing manager and has been attending George Washington U. to work on his M.B.A. He has a house in D.C. with his two dogs, Murphy and Rugger, and plans to work in telecommunications once he receives his degree.

Maria Tyler Balakrishnan and husband Ashok live in San Jose, Calif., and were expecting their first child in fall 1998. Ashok is a laser optic physicist who works in Silicon Valley. Maria has

been taking classes in physical therapy after having worked in the field of international affairs in D.C.

Jacqueline Riebling Sproul wrote that her first year as a minister has been an exciting one. She was ordained in December 1998. Husband Bill designed their log home, which was completed in August. She, Bill and their border collie are enjoying country life.

Cheryl Woody Danielson and husband Jeff have returned from three years in Australia to live in San Diego, Calif., where Rob is trying to think, act and talk like an American Naval officer again! In May 1999, they were off to Oahu, Hawaii, where Rob will be stationed for the next several years. Since their return, they have caught up with **BJ Wall Arnold** and husband Craig, who live in Mechanicsville, Va. They also saw **Lisa Burnett Messner**, husband Tom and new son, Adam. The Messners live in Charlotte, N.C. Cheryl's old roommate, **Heather Rouse Maillet**, had her third child, Samuel, in May.

I was reading the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* this fall and saw **Pat McAleer**'s picture in the business section. He is a personal financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors Inc. in Richmond. He has been appointed to the company's advanced adviser group based on his experience, success and superior client service.

I saw quite a few Mary Wash people over the holidays. **Robin Cunningham Karr** and **Scott Karr** '90 were expecting a baby in spring '99. Robin works as a wine distributor, and Scott is a prospect researcher for U.Va. **Samantha Pillar Ellis** '91 has left the Library of Virginia to take a new job at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts as a prospect researcher as well. **Stephanie Martin** '92 left her job with Maymont Foundation and now works for an architectural firm in Richmond. **Eileen Burke** is still involved in investment banking. **Page Swartz Buehren** has gone to part time at GE to spend more time with her little boy, Joseph. She and husband Joe are building a house in Rockville, Va. **Anne Marie Turnage** '90 is still in Bellefont, Pa., and has been appointed director of community service for Lockhaven U. **Michele McClain** is still in England working for the Navy. She believes that she will be back in the States by summer '99. **Janna Fryant Morrison** and husband Brock visited Michele last fall and had a great time. The day after Christmas, **Stephanie Shupe Hunt**, husband Rob and their three children, Amber, Haley and Colby, went to breakfast with: me and my son, Liam; Page Buehren, and her son, Joseph; and Anne Marie Turnage and her roommate. It was a parade of station wagons, minivans and SUVs to the restaurant.

While channel-surfing one night, I heard a familiar voice talking about Charleston, S.C., on PBS. It was our historic preservation mentor, Carter Lee Hudgins. He is the director of Historic Charleston Foundation and was being interviewed for a special on his beautiful adopted city.

My husband and I attended a wedding in New Jersey a while ago, and it turned out that the groom, who had gone to dental school with my husband, was marrying one of **Beth Mazza Robertson**'s high-school friends. What a small world! Beth and husband Lance are doing well in Northern Virginia. She keeps in touch with **Amy Graham**, who teaches elementary school in Delaware, and **Ellen Bella Fitzpatrick** '88, who was expecting a baby in spring '99.

We lost a dear friend last fall. **Virginia Gunn Blanton** '45 was one of the most beautiful, funny, vibrant people I've ever met. I had the honor of working with her at Maymont Foundation and loved hearing her stories of Mrs. Bushnell and MWC during World War II. She was busy with committees and planning fund-raisers up until the very end. There will never be another Virginia. She is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A letter from **Sandra Joyner Williams** sadly informed us of the loss of another one of our friends, **Sherry Elizabeth Eller Janney**. Although she started with our class, she ended up graduating in 1991. Sherry passed away last January after battling breast cancer for the past several years. Those who knew Sherry will always remember the twinkle in her eyes, her happy-go-lucky attitude and her zest for life. She will be sorely missed.

1991

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1998 was full of fun things in the lives of many of our classmates. **Elliot Becker** found fame in a commercial he appeared in for his employer, Circuit City. It aired during an episode of "Friends" last July. I saw another of our classmates on TV — **Raelin Storey** was interviewed for A&E's biography of Jesse "the Body" Ventura aired last December.

E-mail is a great thing! I have gotten a lot of information about other classmates from this wonderful device. **Carrie Lawrence Donley** was married in 1993 and had her first son, Alex, in April 1998. Carrie works from home doing transportation planning and advocacy work and is the executive director for CENTRAN, a transportation management association in Norfolk, Va. She was also hoping to finish her master's in urban planning by the end of 1998. **Leo Dilling** works as a support and training manager for Case Handyman Services in Bethesda, Md., but lives in McLean with his sister. In June, he and **Evan Stiles** swam the Great Chesapeake Bay Race, 4.5 miles. Evan is a swim coach for the county of Arlington, Va. **Declan** and **Lori Titus Leonard** are in Fairfax, Va. Declan is an attorney, and Lori works for OPIC (Overseas Private Investment Corporation). In August, she went on a two-week trip to Russia and Latvia. Leo informed me that while she was gone he and Declan relived their college days!

Jill Grizzard Fajna graduated from MCV school of pharmacy in 1994. She married her high-school sweetheart in 1997, and they are saving to buy a home. She and **Leigh Hester** both went to MCV and shared an apartment. After graduation, they both went to work for Revco/Eckerd. Leigh is still with them, but Jill now works for a hospital pharmacy. **Vicki Shaw Heck** has been married for seven years and has two kids, James and Cassie. Vicki is a stay-at-home mom and has traveled all over the United States with her Navy pilot husband. They currently live in Jacksonville, Fla. **Stacey Scott Lanzillotta** was married in 1995 to a VMI grad. She works as a real estate agent with Long and Foster and keeps up with the family menagerie of animals: three cats, a dog and a horse. She adopted the Mustang horse through a government program in 1991 and trained him herself.

Vikki Lenhart has been in Massachusetts for five years working with Spalding sporting goods, where she recently was promoted to the position of product manager for women's sports. She visited **Wendy Durst** in Colorado, where they went up an 8,000-foot mountain. She ran into **Colin Sullivan** in the spring, and they reminisced about the Irish Brigade.

Dia Wheeler Pullen is always a good source of information on MWC classmates. She works as a financial analyst at Qwest Communications, and she and husband Martin recently bought a house in Fairfax City. She wrote that **Jen Merson Herzberg** had her first child, Grant, in July and works at the National Wildlife Federation. **Julie Prostick** is married and also lives in Fairfax City. She is still biking and running in triathlons and has had a really good season, placing in most events! Julie works as an analyst at Quality Strategies, a telecommunications company in Tyson's. She also teaches an aerobics class. **Dana Brienza Smedly** is the director of financial administration for the Residential Funding Corp., and is finishing classes for an M.B.A. from GMU. **Brian** and wife **Ilene Goldstein O'Donnell** '90 live in Bel Air, Md., and have an 18-month-old son named Zachary. Ilene is a school psychologist, and Brian works for the Army as the environmental manager for two of the U.S.'s chemical weapons stockpile disposal facilities. **Hilaire Thompson** completed her M.S. and nurse practitioner program at MCV and is working on a Ph.D. at the U. of Pennsylvania. She is also busy maintaining her skills by working in the Neuro/Trayma ICU at Penn. **Tabatha Yeatts**, husband Ben and daughter Ariana welcomed son Dashielle Coleman in May '98. Tabatha continues to write. Her book, *The Holocaust Survivors*, published by Enslow Publishers, came out last summer.

Finally, I heard from Stuart Mawler, formerly known as **Stuart Mawby**. When he and his high-school sweetheart married, they combined their last names Mawby and Hepler to come up with Mawler. Stuart plays music as part of an eclectic instrumental duet called "cliff art." They have a CD entitled "elephants of the monsoon tomorrow." They perform in the Baltimore/Washington area but occasionally play as far away as Philadelphia and Richmond. In June, a review of their CD was posted on dc.music.com.

Please keep the information coming.

1993

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Congratulations to Bill and **Jenny Lentz Major** on the birth of their second child, Graham Patrick. I had the pleasure of attending **Teresa Duncan**'s wedding in October. Other alumni in attendance were **Tammy White** '95, **Jody Smith**, **Nilou Tavassoli**, **Sherwin Anderson**, and **David Getson** '92.

Shannon McKenna moved from Georgia back to New Jersey. **Derek Tucker** reported that he is a manager at PAREXEL International, a clinical research and medical marketing organization. **Cathy D'Aurujo Taylor** has been busy keeping up with baby daughter Mindy and sending husband Zach, who was stationed in Egypt for six months, tons of baby pictures. Cathy added that **Linda Trotter Hakkarien** married Kermit in September and that **Tracy Carter** was a bridesmaid. Linda and Kermit live in Maryland. **Cate Swain** is temporarily living in North Carolina after receiving a promotion with PetSmart.

Rachael Abrajano and husband Rob bought a house in Virginia Beach. She still works for NET2000 Communications. **Neil Gallagher** dropped a line that **Jon-Eric Dentz** passed the bar exam in New Jersey and is considering work in the field of immigration law. Neil still works for the Department of Justice's narcotics and dangerous drug section. Currently, he is a special assistant U.S. attorney working on smaller federal cases, but in April he was due to finish his training and would begin work on drug cases.

Sarah Hartman was finishing her fall semester with UNC/Chapel Hill. When she wasn't studying to get her master's in city and regional planning and working for the Nature Conservancy,

Sarah managed to keep in touch with several grads. She said that **Kim Ernstrom** is finishing her thesis for an M.S. in geography at Montana State U. and spent the past two summers working on a helitak crew (they're the folks who jump forest fires). **Romayne Ketcha** is spending the next six months in Antarctica working on a scientific base on Ross Island, and **Lindsey Weller** lives in the Chicago area, is married to **Chris Poulson** and works as a physician's assistant. Lastly, Sarah said that **Laura King** has married **Joe Lynch** '90 and they live in Roanoke, Va., where Laura teaches in an elementary school.

Aimee Cooper lives in Baltimore and works at the U. of Maryland Medical School. She is pursuing a master's degree in publications design at the U. of Baltimore. **Jen Studt** is now cruising in a new car, an unexpected purchase due to an accident. Jen recently began her sixth year with the Close Up Foundation. She added that she got together last fall with **Katherine Ashby, Lori Fitzgerald Louden, Karen Smith Clerici,** and **Allison Hight** to reminisce.

Between wrapping presents, getting certified to scuba dive, volunteering at a crisis pregnancy center, and teaching high-school religious education, **Tracy Rowland** was able to send an update on some fellow grads. **Michelle Martin Durand** and husband Jeff had their first child, Julie Brooke, in May 1998. **Stacey Bailey Kearney** and Jeff were expecting their first child in December. Also, Tracy pointed out that we incorrectly printed **Lori Fitzgerald**'s marriage year — Lori and **Chris Louden** '91 were married in August 1998 and spent their honeymoon in St. Lucia.

Adam Owings recently completed his M.S. in management at Marymount U. To top off his graduation, Adam ran in the Arthritis Foundation 5K in 23:58:00, coming in 26th in the men's division. **Inger Brown** wrote that when she was in Fredericksburg last January, she caught up with **Leann Vernon, Cindy Dunnavant, Suzanne Horsley, Diane Newcomb Easter, Mary Trocchia,** and **Michelle Legg** '94. Inger works in the state of Washington with Bellevue Community College in their human resources department and was honored at a breakfast in December for being voted "King County Coordinator of the Year" for her coordination of the combined fund drive that helped to raise $26,500 for United Way.

At least two of our classmates are in the military. Navy lieutenant **Jennifer M. Almy** is assigned to the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise* in the Mediterranean Sea. Marine lieutenant **Maura A. McCee** is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

I still work for AIMR as a media coordinator. I had a wonderful time with my family during Christmas and with my fiance's family during New Year's. Now I will be gearing up for more wedding planning. Drop me a line!

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From Jane:

It was so good to hear that so many of you are well and love what you're doing! I live right outside of NYC, work as a studio manager in the cover art department at Doubleday Book publishing, am proceeding with classes at the School of Visual Arts and am busy with free-lance illustration projects and volunteer activities within the city. In September '98, I had a wonderful time in San Francisco visiting **Allison Leeds**, who is thriving with her many free-lance design projects and fine art commissions!

Amy Garrison-Diaw is back from Senegal with the Peace Corps and lives in Arlington with husband Mohamed, whom she married in September '97. **Bum Cho** works as a government contractor. He lives in Falls Church with **Pat Weinhold,** who works for TLA Associates on a satellite and weather project, which sends him traveling quite a bit — recently to China.

Jon Pack had a photography exhibit in Fredericksburg this summer at Eyeclops Studio with Steve Griffin and Ken Crampton. **Colleen Egan** is working on an M.A. in art history in London, and in the spring her research and classes took her to Florence. She will return to the States in August.

Jen Lawatsch Decatur married Jamie in early '97, recently joined the Air Force and completed officer training school at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala. In May '99, she and Jamie moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she is attending navigator training at Randolph AFB.

Nicki Sherman is thrilled with her career as a cardiology nurse at MCV in Richmond, where she received her nursing degree. Nicki wrote that **Liz Ferguson Williams** was married in December. She recently finished a speech pathology program at ODU and embarked on a wonderful new job in Norfolk. **Anne Maria Doughty Giroud** recently built a house with her husband in Chesapeake, while **Jane Hope** recently relocated to Lynchburg, where she works in an alumni development office.

Aaron Straight is up to many colorful projects, thriving in Seattle's rich music and arts scene. His band MOWGLI, in which he plays the didjeridoo, has been very successful — they completed a new CD in Dec. '98, with another one on the way in fall '99. He hosts an all-ages multimedia show called "Mimsee Jones International," incorporating many unusual talents including fire spinners, belly dancers and fashion shows, to name a few. And as if these endeavors weren't enough, he also runs a private snowboarding school in Steven's Pass.

Scott Boileau finished nursing school via the army in March '99. He was stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in D.C. and hung out frequently with MWC chums **Joseph "Jake" Jacanin, Ross Sparacino** '97, **Michael "Gonzo" Lord, Jon Carter** '97, **Amy Fromm** '98, and **Sean Collins** '98 in Old Town Alexandria.

Amanda Harris still lives in Chapel Hill with **Matt St. Amand** '94 and works as marketing manager at Signature Publishing in Raleigh, where she's been for over three years. Matt is in his second year of law school. They regularly see **Wendy James**, who moved there in summer '98 and works for Telco. They also often get to Bethesda to visit **Sean Forde** '96 and **Greg Urquhart**.

While taking a break from her position as senior sales rep for Sprint PCS in Florida, **Meg Carey** had the chance to travel a bit last fall — to Yellowstone National Park and then on to England.

Caroline Dearborn Wheless and husband Kenny recently relocated from Elgin to a charming home in the historic district of York, S.C. Caroline is a patient advocate/director of social services at a local long-term care facility and finds working with the elderly extremely rewarding.

Tiffany Cothran, who still lives in Brooklyn with **Emily Baird** '96 and **Tiffany Hayzlett** '98, wrote that on her way upstate to study educational theater for the school year, she got sidetracked into an off-Broadway understudy role as Miss Prossy in *Candida* with The Pearl Theatre Company. In Feb.-April '99, she was headed on a tour of *Romeo and Juliet,* a national traveling production geared to high school students.

Hannah Warren is a systems analyst for Metters Industries, a defense contractor specializing in computer software technology. Her latest project entails a Navy contract at the Patuxent River Naval Base.

Maureen Thompson Brand is finishing her master's in speech pathology at ODU and lives with husband Dave in Norfolk. **Ronda Johnson** works at GEICO and lives in downtown Fredericksburg. After several years as a volunteer coordinator in New York State, **Mark Duffy** applied for and was awarded a graduate fellowship from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers U., where he received his master's degree in public policy in May 1998. He is a research specialist at the Consortium for Policy Research in Education at the U. of Pennsylvania. He and wife Tamara live in Mount Laurel, N.J.

In spring '98, **Stewart Gill** became a member of the prestigious Woolsack Honor Society at the Dickinson School of Law of Penn State U. in recognition of his academic excellence.

Tiffany Hill '96 is engaged to **Stuart Jones** '97, in Woodbridge, Va., and works at GEICO. Stuart is finishing his master's at ODU.

Mini Mattupurath '94 lives in Charlottesville, where she is the youth minister at the Church of the Incarnation. **Jamie Halsey Chamberlin** '94 was married in October '97. She writes for the American Psychological Association's monthly newspaper.

Ed Mendes '94 is in San Francisco after spending two years in Senegal in the Peace Corps. **Zack Trogdon** '94 is pursuing a master's in public administration at the College of Charleston in S.C. **Joe Banks** '94 completed his master's in school counseling at Longwood College in December '98, while working as a guidance counselor for the Walton Middle School. He lives in Charlottesville with **Tom Lipscomb** '94, who is residential director of the Oakland School, a boarding school in Boyds Tavern, and **Andrew Guthrow**, who is a flight instructor and pilot.

Kristen Green, who has been in Salem, Ore., since September '97 writing for the *Statesman Journal*, started a new position reporting for the Capital Bureau in January '99. **Kristen Barnes** works for the Charlottesville Department of Social Services. **Catherine Potts** continues at Dewberry and Davis in Northern Virginia. **Anne Kerr** started a physical therapy program at Elon College in North Carolina in January '98. **Deborah Rosenkranz** continues at the helm of Rainbow Station Inc. as the director of corporate operations. **Rhonda George** lives in New York City and works for the "Maury Povich Show." **Mary Johnson** is certifying to teach in Northern Virginia. **Flavia Jimenez** lives in Manhattan, where she is finishing her final year at New York U. law school.

Last October **Chip Riley** married Melissa Wolf in Charlottesville. Members of the wedding party included **Alex Ables** '96, **Joe Wilson** and **Brian Firehammer**. Chip is a project manager with Management Recruiters International in the company's Roanoke office. Melissa is an attorney in Roanoke.

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From Amy:

Happy 1999! It's been two years since graduation ... here's how we've been doing!

Best wishes to **Cheryl Mote Chafos**, who married Capt. Timothy Chafos, an Army military intelligence officer, in November 1998, after getting engaged on Valentine's Day! They will live in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, until July 1999, spent Christmas in Rome and enjoyed Christmas Eve mass at the Vatican with the Pope. For Cheryl and Tim's wedding, **Myon Mulhare** was a bridesmaid and **Courtney Akers** '96 was a reader during the service. After graduation, Myon and Cheryl traveled around Europe for the summer. Upon returning to the U.S., Myon worked at Mary Washington Hospital and volunteered for the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad. She is now in D.C., where she's working toward a nursing degree at Georgetown U. When Cheryl returned to the U.S., she moved to Bethesda, Md., and worked for Calvert Group Mutual Funds as a broker representative.

After working in the MWC admissions office, **Myra Simpson** joined the admissions staff at Fairfield U., where she does recruitment. **Kirsten Franklin** works with the Peace Corps as a volunteer in Gabon. My suitemate, **Crystal Bulges**, wrote at Christmas that she accepted a summer and fall position with the district attorney's office in Maine. She'll be sworn in as an attorney and be able to represent the state in actual cases. What experience! Speaking of law students, **Angie Fleming** is still at George Mason U., where she is writing for the *Journal of International Legal Studies.*

Bridget Stinger has been teaching second grade at Wilderness Elementary in Spotsylvania with **Dru Abramson** and **Jenna Kelly Johnson**. Jenna recently married longtime boyfriend, **Gordon Johnson** '98. Bridget's roommate, **Christine Meier**, teaches second grade at Falmouth Elementary in Stafford with **Tricia Kube** '96 and **Lisa Prillaman** '96. Bridget also told me that **Ashley Rogers** will be marrying **Tim Menninger** '95 in September. Ashley works for an accounting firm in Fredericksburg, and Tim works in Dahlgren. **Molly Strohl**, who works for a defense contractor in Crystal City, planned to marry **Hank Henry** '99 in May. Bridget said that **Jamie Simpson** lives in Fairfax with **AnnMarie Hirst** and **Phil Stoneman** '94. Jamie is a coordinator of conferences for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and AnnMarie teaches Spanish in Loudon County. **Tanya Najarian** lives in Springfield. **Carter Berkeley** works for Aerotek in Maryland, where **Jason Tootell** works, as well. **Mary Knarr** is spending a year in Sacramento, Calif., working with Alzheimer's patients. **Kristine Kines** lives in Manassas and works for a video communications company.

Amanda Neptune wrote last October that she spent the past year teaching back home in the Denver metro area. She is back East now, however, and started a master's program at Georgetown U. Her degree will be in communication, culture and technology, which is an interdisciplinary program involving linguistics (her focus), cultural studies and a lot of telecommunication-policy. Amanda wrote that: **Colette Strawn** worked for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, but moved to a new job doing human resources at Podesta, a PR firm in D.C.; **Stephanie Rooney** joined the Lutheran Volunteer Corps after graduation and works in Chicago with refugee children and teaches elderly Russian immigrants how to speak English and how to swim; **Mike Carter** is a third-grade teacher at Grafton Village Elementary School in Stafford; **Brahim Asfahani** works at MWC as a network analyst; **Jon Cordone** is in his second year at the U. of Connecticut law school; **Jon Wilkinson** works in Northern Virginia teaching emotionally-challenged children how to use computers; **Amy Brown** lives in the Richmond area, works with special ed preschoolers and is going to VCU part time for a master's in early childhood special ed; also at VCU is **Heather Baum**, who is getting her master's in social work; **Kelli Sweeney** finished training with American Airlines and is a flight attendant based in New York; **Karen Aiello** teaches English in South Korea; **Clare Freckmann** and **Paola Ramirez** moved into a house in Arlington; and **Hilary Chow** lives in San Jose, Calif., where she is a social worker.

Thanks to **Kari Kulow**, who is a technical Internet consultant with NDC Group, for writing that: **Jin Wong** works for the Richmond Braves and lives with **Brad Burch**, who is engaged to **Jodi Tanner**; **John Bowman** and wife Chrissy live in Boston and are expecting their first child; **Bernadette Russell** works in Tyson's Corner; **Victor Pope** works as a recruiter with Don Richard Associates; **Justin Gerbereux** will be getting married in August; **Becca Harrison** had a ring put on her finger by fiancé **Kevin Hill**; Kari and **Hellie Snyder** live together in Old Town Alexandria, and Hellie is doing Web design at Business Information Network; **Leslie Houts** is in grad school in Florida; **Kristy Markos** is studying oncology at George Mason U.; **Dawn Lindner** and **Amy Costello** live in Towson, and Amy is doing floor designs at Idea; **Marielle Powell** moved to Boston to be with her boyfriend; **Rashi Momeni** got into med school; **Laura Danis** is working for WASH FM 97.1 radio doing public relations; and **CJ Scott** and **Gardner Hallock** are in Vermont, as are **Toby Brown** and **Nancy Beaulieu**.

Kate Lulfs and **Richard Ehrle** '85 had a beautiful October wedding. At the reception I chatted with, among others, **Elise Balkin**, **Dave Wrubel**, **Dan Tobin**, **Luke Sbarra**, **Aaron Zielinski**, **Becky Earle**, and **Jennifer Rudalf** '96. Kate's bridesmaids included **Beth Moss** '98 and the bouquet-catching **Julie Newell**.

As for me, I was promoted in April '98 to assistant director of subscriber services for Aspen Publishers in Old Town Alexandria, where I discovered I was working with **Sam Hupart** '95 and the sister of **Mary Daly** '99.

Please keep the letters and e-mails. We love to hear from you!

From Chelle:

It is so exciting that members of the Class of 1997 have embarked on so many different courses. Keep those letters and e-mails coming.

Many of our graduates work off the Beltway. **Becky Earle**, who still works in Congressman Frank Wolf's office, was promoted to legislative assistant last June and spent the fall working as the field director for his re-election campaign. Becky lives in Arlington. **Julie Newell** received a promotion with Rep. Bateman in July. She is responsible for briefing the congressman on banking, judiciary, immigration, housing, small business and federal employee issues. She moved to Silver Spring this summer, closer to work and her sweetie, **Nathan Leslie** '94. **Allyson Knudson** also received a promotion to legislative assistant with Congressman Bliley in January. **Jackie Curry** works for Congressman Hoeffel from Pennsylvania and is getting married to Jim Todaro in September.

Many of our alumni are pursuing advanced degrees. **Susan Lee** is set to become the first student ever to graduate with a concentration in wetland ecology in her biology master's degree program at Old Dominion U. in the spring. **Sarah Meyrowitz** was to complete her M.S.W. from the U. of Pennsylvania in May 1999. **Benjamin Hando** is in a master's of physical therapy program at Sacred Heart U. in Fairfield, Conn. **Gardner Hallock** started grad school at the U. of Vermont in the fall. **Dave Wrubel** plans to finish his M.A. in geography by this summer and will leave academia for a few years due to severe burnout. He hopes to find a federal job in D.C. and move by August. **Ryan Preston** works for an engineering firm in Alexandria and is pursuing a master's degree in environmental engineering. **Laura Coco** completed her master's degree in England and is currently finishing a paid internship in Parliament.

Dell Hagen and **Matt Withers** '95 are now Matt and Dell Hagen Withers. They live in Columbus, Ohio, where Dell works as hall director while pursuing her master's in educational policy and leadership at Ohio State U. **Raven Ellis Taylor** and **Colby Taylor** were married last August and live in Marietta, Ohio. Raven and Colby are both working and pursuing their master's degrees at Marietta College.

Inga Fredland is getting a master's in marine biology at BU at Woods Hole on Cape Cod. **Kristen Romano** is getting her master's in library science from the U. of Maryland. **Justine Schmollinger** received her master's in forensic science from John Jay Criminal Justice School in Manhattan this May. In between trips to Bourbon St., the French Quarter and learning how to make a hearty gumbo, **Brian Schumacher** is working towards an M.S. in geography at Louisiana State U. and was to complete his degree in May. **Susan Cors** is receiving her master's in social work from VCU and marrying Jeremy Findlay this July. **Bob Rogers** is busy researching his thesis in order to finish an M.A. degree in theoretical musicology at Catholic U. **Dan Tobin** is focusing on research at Michigan and is currently working on a project to clarify the reactivity of zinc tetrathiol sites. This is to help scientists understand how a lot of important enzymes work.

If any of you need some legal advice, there are aspiring lawyers in our midst: **Elise Balkin** at the U. of Baltimore; **Susan McAllister** at Harvard U. in Cambridge, Mass.; and **Cecila Kane** at the U. of Boston. Cecila and **Jeremy Gagner** '98 were engaged in 1998. **Kim Hrabosky** goes to GMU law school and lives with **Stefanie Teter** '96 and **Heather Hallowes** '96 in Arlington.

Many of our fellow graduates are teaching our country's youth. **Heather Masterton** is in her second year of teaching history at Stafford High School. She lives in the Tyson's Corner area. **Robin Kozic** teaches third grade in Glenn Ridge, N.J. **Sara Young** teaches fourth grade at Shady Grove Elementary School in Richmond. **Dru Abramson** is teaching fifth grade at Wilderness Elementary in Spotsylvania. **Bridgette Stinger** lives in Fredericksburg and teaches at Wilderness Elementary. **Amy Lapasota** works in the reading lab of an elementary school and will be going back to get her master's in education in the fall. **Anne Mason** teaches fourth grade at Glen Lea Elementary in Richmond and was recently engaged. **Beth Bodkin** teaches fourth grade at Ratcliffe Elementary in Richmond. **Carmen Brown** is teaching at Livingston Elementary in Spotsylvania. **Tamara Morse** loves living in New Orleans and is continuing her work with Teach for America. **Corey Callaham** teaches preschool in Lynchburg, Va. **Annmarie Hirst** teaches eighth-grade Spanish in Leesburg, Va., and lives in Fair Lakes with **Jamie Simpson**. Annmarie is planning to attend grad school in the fall. Jamie is working for the American Association for the Advancement of Science as a meetings associate. She helps plan an annual meeting that 5,000

scientists attend. **Kristie Fasanaro** teaches elementary school in North Carolina. **Leigh Ann Werkmeister** lives in Richmond and attends VCU to obtain an art teaching certificate.

Seth Churi is the event manager for the American Golf Corporation at HoneyBee Golf Club in Virginia Beach, Va. He received his master's degree in sport management from the U. of Florida in December. **Katie O'Leary** is working with independent investors to develop a golf driving range and sports park in Springfield, Va. IronWood Sports Park will open in spring '99.

Carter Berkeley lives and works in Columbia, Md. She works for Aerotek and was recently selected to go on a two-month assignment to help clean up the national accounts team for the contract engineering division. **Margaret Edder** is working for Barents Group of KPMG in D.C. and lives in Maryland. She is engaged to marry Brooks Johnson in August at the Trapp Family lodge in Vermont.

Debbie Fleming is in Denver, Colo., doing a year-long volunteer service project through Brethren Volunteer Service. She works for a home and education center for pregnant teens and their babies. Her position is termed "housemom." Debbie's term ends in mid-July, upon which she will be taking a cross-country trip on the back of her dad's Harley. **Becca Harrison** and **Kevin Ely** will marry this September. Becca works for a nonprofit organization called Share Our Strength. **Abigail Baird** works for the Red Cross in Roanoke, Va. Ensign **Aaron Zelinski** is stationed on the *USS Truman*, the Navy's newest carrier, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Jon Carter works as director of arena PAC, in Old Town Alexandria, for actor Charlton Heston. His duties include day-to-day operations of the PAC, fundraising, political networking, scheduling and traveling with Mr. Heston. **Jeremy Prose** works as a labor union organizer in Ohio. **MJ Figel** is still an editor for SI swimsuit. **Surya Dill** is a PR associate for Susan Davis International in D.C. **Ali MacEvoy** works for a D.C. law firm.

Melissa Schreiber anchors the news at Fredericksburg's cable station. **Allison Enedy** spends her working hours in GW 310 as MWC's new assistant director of news and information services and was to move back to Fredericksburg from Alexandria in the spring. **Meredith Sarda** is doing epilepsy research at MCV in Richmond, Va. **Kate Lulfs Ehrle** works for the Navy. She and **Richard Ehrle** '85 married in October. **Beth Shultz** and **Sara Young** handled the guest book. Kate and Richard spent their honeymoon in Maine and Vermont before returning to their new house in Stafford.

Krissy Tsantes lives in New York City with **Kim Ranney**. Krissy works for Elektra Entertainment while acting by auditioning and taking film classes. **Kyle Aldrich** works for Smith Barney in NYC.

Jesse Freese '98 recently visited Belgium and works with XL Associates as a recruiter. He recruits disaster consultants for USAID and has just finished recruiting the chief information officer for the FAA. He lives with **Jeff Seaman**, **Clint McCarthy** '98 and **Jeremy Blain** '98 in Rockville, Md. **Jason Terril** works as a Boy Scout leader and tutors. In January he worked at a week-long camp in Vladimir, Russia.

Omar Jabbour and **Andrew Cox** live in Fairfax. **Erik Candy** works for CSC and travels to the Pacific Rim to consult for a major hotel. He lives in Arlington with **Brian Gilligan**, who works for the Department of Defense.

A few people went West to find opportunity. **Peter Heatley** lives in San Francisco and works for Forte Software in the business development department. **Mary Knarr** lives in Sacramento, Calif. **Mike Hubbard**, **Sean Moore**, **Sean Quigley**, **Andy Frazier** and **Mike Paolino** '98 live in San Diego and work on the Y2K problem for Booz-Allen & Hamilton.

Molly Strohl works as an analyst at Analysis and Technology, a defense contracting company that supports the Navy. She planned to be married in May '99 to **Raymond Henry** '99. Her bridesmaids were to include **Jamie Simpson**, **Debbie Fleming**, and **Ashley Rogers**. Molly lives with Ashley, who is getting married to **Tim Menninger** '95 in August. **Cynthia Owen** and **Scott Estelle** got engaged over the holidays.

Brian and **Polly Caseman Hughs** had a beautiful little girl, Carly Rose, in November.

As for me, I continue my career with CSC as an I/T consultant and work furiously to add more stamps to my passport. In the past few months, I enjoyed some holiday time in Mexico and in Sydney, Australia. I look forward to finding where life takes me next! Since I really never know where I'm going to be, I'm now using the parental address shown above.

I would like to mention that my aunt, Joan Wolf, passed away in late February. Many of my classmates knew her. She will be missed.

Take care and keep in touch.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Genevieve J. Talbott '16
Gertrude Ransone Atkinson '19
Roberta McKenney Allen '25
Grace Mason Duval '26
Anne Louise Raiford Lowell '28
Mary Moore Brethaupt '33
Ruby Cook Harris '33
Eugenia Cooper Hoffman '33
Mary Kettenbeck Gademan '38
Arline Garnsey Hodge '39
Charlotte Pride Mitchell '40
Margaret Andrews Schutt '40
Virginia Reel Winston '40
Marie Shackelford Carpenter '43
Alice Willams Carver '43
Elinor Steese Koch '45
Margaret Lerch Korbesmeyer '45
Maxine Gold Aarons '47
Sally Crowell Bendall '47
Barbara Dutch Patterson '47
Elizabeth Bates Shonnard '47
Carolyn Jenning Frost '52
Mary Arrowood Moore '52
Jewell Scott Walker '53
Julie Morrison '55
Jane Noel Talbott '57
Sharon Pratt Mattison '60
Ariel Susan Ayres '61
Mildred Hurst Jennings '62
Virginia Shaw Meadows '67
Nancy Powers Benner '69
Betty J. Thompson '74
Alice Keeve '76
Clarkson Averett '77
Allison Slade Burchett '77
Mary Sheridan Whitman '80
Dennis W. Hooten '83
Bradley Braden '84
LeeAnne Lovejoy '85
Katherine Regan Williams '87
Ka LaSchell Pendleton-Kinard '88
Mary Sickler '90
Kathryn Beaumont '91
Sherry Eller Janney '91
Rie Marie Kinison '92
Marc A. Theisen '92
Jennifer Louise Macgowan Friedsam '94

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Martha Moore Edwards '33, who lost her sister
Alice Glazebrook Gilleece '43, who lost her husband
Barbara Watson Barden '49, who lost her mother
Patricia Bradshaw Button '49, who lost her son
Elaine Nader Powell '52, who lost her sister
Gilmer Chamblin Wise '57, who lost her husband
Irene Piscopo Rodgers '59, who lost her mother
Carolyn Rolston Rourke '60, who lost her husband
Pepper Jacobs Germer '61, who lost her mother and father
Eileen Hildebrand Nielsen '63, who lost her husband
Elizabeth Haskins McClaskey '68, who lost her husband
Pam Selden Magee '69, who lost her brother
Barbara Jean Weller '79, who lost her father
Jodi Romayko Miller '81, who lost her father
Dawn Pilkington '85, who lost her mother

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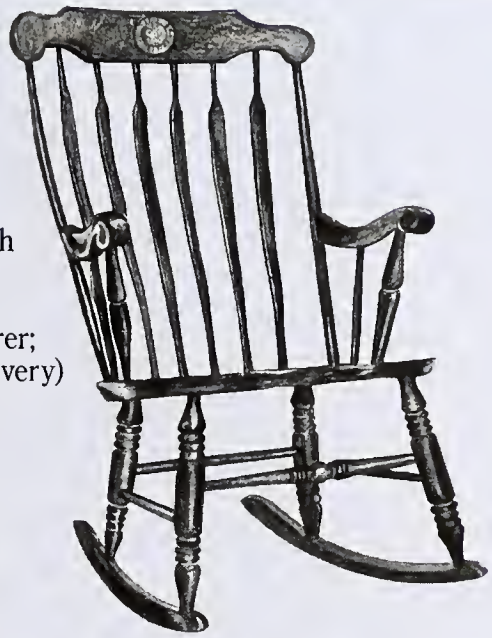

Boston Rocker $200.00
#133-2104–Satin black finish with gold trim
#133–9351–Cherry finish
(shipped from manufacturer; allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery)

Wine Carafe Set $38.00
1 liter carafe and 4 glasses etched with MWC seal
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Etched with MWC seal
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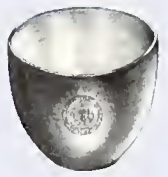

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(in the shape of the MW)
Large–(7-inch) $19.00
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MWC Blanket $45.00
All wool, 62" x 84"
Navy blue/white MWC seal/gray trim
(Shipping $6.00)

Beach Towel $28.50
Navy blue with white embroidered lettering, 36" x 72"
(Shipping $3.00)

Captain's Chair $200.00
#342-2108–Satin black lacquer finish with cherry arms
(shipped from manufacturer; allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery)

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Natural cotton with navy blue trim and embroidered lettering
Small (12" x 14")–$15.00
Large (14" x 24")–$20.00
(Shipping $3.00)

Nylon Bags (not pictured):
Large Carry-All, 24" x 12" x 12", $28.50 (shipping $5.00)
Small Carry-All, 19" x 10" x 10", $23.50 (shipping $4.00)
Briefcase, 16-1/4" x 13-1/4" x 3", $28.50 (shipping $4.00)
Garment Bag 39" $24.00 (shipping $4.00)
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